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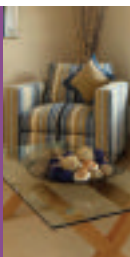
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# CHAOS AS TEACHERS TO STRIKE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

HUNDREDS of Medway teachers are expected to join the picket line tomorrow as part of a nationwide pay protest.

The National Union of Teachers one-day strike is likely to cause major disruption across Kent, which boasts the largest regional NUT membership in the country.

The Robert Napier School, Gillingham, and Balfour Junior



School, Chatham, have confirmed they will close their doors for the day while a further 17 said they will partially shutdown, running classes for

just GCSE and A-Level students.

A Medway council spokesman said: "Every effort is being made to keep schools open and disruption to a minimum."

"However, if a significant number of teachers decide to go on strike then it is up to the headteacher to decide if their school remains fully or partially open."

"This means some classes and year groups may be merged or sent home."

The NUT strike has been called in response to the government's decision to increase teachers' pay by 2.45 per

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## FOR ENGLAND AND ST GEORGE

Patriotic Bethany Dunkin, 11, draped herself in the English flag and gave her bulldog Sumo a big hug to start the celebrations for St George's Day today.

Medway council also plans to mark the day by raising the red and white flag of England's patron saint over its headquarters at Gun Wharf and the Compass Centre, both in Chatham and the Civic Centre in Strood, this morning.

But Rochester Castle will not be able to fly a St George's flag this year due to important maintenance work, which is expected to be completed in the summer.

Yourmedway would like to wish all readers a Happy St George's Day.

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# Pair claimed benefits of £17,000 to pay off debts

■ BY KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

A MARRIED couple were sentenced for a 15-year-long benefits scam which took £17,000 of taxpayers' money from the council coffers.

Edward and Susan Richmond, of Cottall Avenue in Chatham, had been raking in housing and council tax benefits since 1993, claiming to be unemployed.

But all the while they were both employed as floor scrubbers at William Hill bookmaker's branch in Chatham.

They even ran their own franchise of a successful local newspaper delivery network – earning hundreds more a month.

Medway Magistrates' Court was told Richmond, 51, and his wife, 43, deliberately applied for the handouts – after their financial mismanagement caught up with them.

## Contribution

During the hearing on Monday chairman of the bench Lawrence Mulheirn said: "You both worked as cleaners – you deliberately used the system to help you out of a hole. That cannot go unpunished."

Mulheirn's wife was sentenced to carry out 40 hours of community service, while her husband was given a 12-month supervision order.

The couple, who held hands in the dock, was also told to pay £200 towards the prosecution costs of bringing the case against them.

After saying they could not afford the meagre contribution they were

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ordered to pay back just £2.50 each every fortnight.

Alice Jarratt, defending, said: "They have a long and painful history of debt."

"This is not a case of people getting extra funds in order to fund a lavish lifestyle."

"This is a sad case of serious misjudgement – they were trying their best to pay their debts back."

She added the couple fell victim to a debt consolidation firm that tied them to whopping monthly interest repayments.

She said: "They did not know what they were signing up to."

The prosecution comes eight weeks into our crackdown on benefit cheats, who plague society by depriving us of money that could go to the community.

As part of the 'Your Money – Your Loss' campaign we are asking our readers to help root out the fraudsters who take money they do not deserve.

With every person found guilty forced to pay back the money they've scammed from the council – and hit with a punishment – we hope YOU will help in naming and shaming those who are breaking the law.

• If you know a fraudster call the council's benefits investigation team on 01634 332305 or leave a message on its benefit fraud hotline on 0800 083 7049.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Shopkeeper attacked as raider stole booze

A SHOPKEEPER was hit in the face during a robbery at his Chatham store.

The Albany Road shop owner was attacked by a man on Monday, April 14, at 8.15pm, who then grabbed a wad of cash, cigarettes and alcohol before fleeing the premises.

The thief, who was in his 20s, 6ft tall, with short dark hair and long sideburns, is believed to have run off in the direction of Victoria Road.

### Boat race promises fine riverside viewing

ROWERS from Medway's three universities will go head-to-head next month for the annual boat race.

Students from Kent, Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church will race on the River Medway on Saturday, May 3, along the 2.6 kilometre course, starting at Cuxton and finishing at The Esplanade in Rochester.

The women's race starts at 1.45pm, with the men's an hour later. Spectators can watch the races from an open area on The Esplanade.

### Tell council what you would like at park

BIRDWATCHERS and nature enthusiasts are being asked to help shape the future of Riverside Country Park.

Medway council is seeking input on what park users would like to see at the Gillingham reserve, which is set for £250,000 of investment in the next year.

Pick up a comment pack from the Lower Rainham Road park or attend the information meetings on Monday or Thursday, May 1.

### Hospital for woman after two cars collide

A WOMAN needed hospital treatment after her car was in collision with a police car.

Her Ford Ka and a Kent police vehicle collided in Maidstone Road, Chatham, on Saturday at 1.15pm.

The woman, 25, suffered "non-life threatening" injuries. The two police officers sustained minor injuries.

A police spokesman said the officers were responding to an emergency call and had their blue lights on.

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# Knives, swords, guns and ammo handed in

## Hundreds of weapons are surrendered in police amnesty

BY SIMON ROBINSON

MORE than 100 deadly knives and swords, 19 guns and 300 ammo cartridges have been taken off the streets of Medway during a month-long weapons surrender scheme.

The haul of handguns included eight real pistols, eight air guns, two imitation weapons and a ball-bearing gun.

Across Kent, 47 real firearms were handed over to police, including 15 shotguns and a Beretta handgun, while 510 bladed instruments were given up.

Two sets of nunchucks, rocket flares and three boxes of World War Two detonators were among the stranger items to be surrendered.

Superintendent Peter Wedlake, of the crime reduction department at Kent police, said: "We are very pleased with the response to the weapons surrender from people in Kent."

"We have seen many varied weapons handed



AMNESTY: Nineteen real guns were handed in as well as the realistic toy machine gun (left) shown by Sgt Alan Willett

over to us during the campaign. The scheme was launched to reduce the number of weapons that could potentially be used in crime across the county.

"Weapons, whether they are real or imitation, cause fear and distress in the community and every weapon we have taken in is one that cannot now be used on the streets."

During the four-week campaign 16 samurai swords were handed in. It is now illegal to sell, make, hire or import these swords in England. Those breaking the new legislation face a £5,000 fine and six months in jail. Anyone importing samurai swords could be hit with up to seven years in prison and an unlimited fine.

Supt Wedlake said: "Anyone still in possession of a samurai sword who was unaware of this new law can still contact police with a view

to having it collected by officers, or alternatively can ensure it is securely wrapped and hand it in at a local police station."

It is illegal to carry an offensive weapon and doing so can result in a prison sentence.

It is also very likely that armed police will be asked to respond to such incidents.

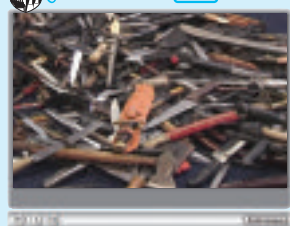
During the initiative Kent police youth crime reduction officers visited schools to speak with teenagers of the risks involved in possessing weapons and raised awareness of the surrender scheme.

Police also worked closely with Kent and Medway Trading Standards, visiting retailers to educate them on selling knives and ball bearing guns. Test purchases were carried out in retail premises in Kent suspected of supplying weapons illegally.

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View the haul of weapons handed in to police for yourself

## Three arrested in assault case

A TEENAGE boy suffered serious injuries after being kidnapped and assaulted.

The 18-year-old was allegedly attacked by three men in Boundary Road, Chatham, on Thursday, April 10, at 7.30pm. A passing motorist spotted the severely injured boy soon after and drove him to Medway Maritime Hospital.

Officers arrested three suspects within hours of the attack. A police spokesman said: "Officers were swift to make the arrests at 11.20pm on the day of the incident and are asking for the driver and passenger of a red Vauxhall Astra with a body kit to come forward."

"We believe the male driver and his female passenger took the teenager to hospital. We are keen to locate them."

On Monday of last week three men from London appeared before Medway Magistrates Court charged with GBH and kidnap.

Frank Onakoya, 25, Oliver Charles, 22, and Jermaine Haye, 19, were remanded in custody and will appear before Maidstone Crown Court next Monday.

## Angry about the effect on morale

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cent in September, below both inflation and average pay rises in the private sector, which are both above four per cent.

The union's acting general secretary Christine Blower said: "It is essential to halt the continued downward spiral in teachers' pay."

"The teachers' review body and the government must act immediately to prevent further damage to schools' ability to recruit and retain teachers and to restore teachers' morale and motivation."

More than 75 per cent of NUT members voted in favour of strike action. A union spokesman said this year's below-inflation pay rise was the fourth in as many years and would once again result in "real term pay cuts".

He said: "The Government has decided to increase teachers' pay by only 2.45 per cent when inflation is above four per cent. This represents yet another pay cut on top of those to which teachers have been subjected in 2005, 2006 and 2007."

"However, the NUT does not call for strike action lightly. This will be the first NUT national strike over pay for 21 years."

"Teachers are angry about the effects of below-inflation pay increases on living standards; recruitment and morale; and the long-term future of education."

## Gillingham GP 'unfit to practise' says GMC panel

A GILLINGHAM GP who failed to carry out his job properly faces tough sanctions... but will be allowed to work.

Dr Murali Dharan, who works at Malvern Road Surgery, Gillingham, was handed the strict 12-point conditions by the General Medical Council, which found him unfit to practise last week.

Their damning verdict came after a week-long hearing, in which a string of allegations against the GP were heard.

The panel issued a dozen year-long sanctions after "serious and basic deficiencies" in his practise led to the misconduct charge.

It was alleged the doctor repeatedly failed to; adequately assess a patient suffering from abdominal pain; obtain a detailed history of their pain; carry out an abdominal examination; produce adequate notes of the consultation; take sufficient action in respect of a blood test; and write an adequate

referral letter making it clear the referral was urgent.

The GMC's report into Dr Dharan's conduct states: "Your fitness to practise has been found to be impaired by reason of misconduct."

"The panel notes the events into which it has been enquiring took place within 18 months of the completion of your training in general practise."

It is extremely concerned that errors in such basic procedures should have occurred so soon after you had been declared competent to enter general practise."

Under the sanctions imposed by the GMC, Dr Dharan must meet with the director of general practise postgraduate education on a regular basis, allow a remedial supervisor to examine his consultation technique, and patient management skills, and quality of referral letters, and inform any employer that his registration is subject to the GMC conditions.

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A TASTER session for would-be 'silver surfers' with no knowledge of computers are being offered by Medway Adult Learning Service.

The one-day class will show learners how to use a keyboard to log in and enter text, save and print documents, and insert pictures from Clip Art.

Sessions will be held at Rochester Adult Learning Centre in Eastgate and Gillingham Adult Learning Centre in Green Street, running from 10am-1pm on Friday, May 23.

To book a place call 01634 338400.

## Cops hunt muggers who target women driver

TWO thieves are believed to have targeted a woman after lying in wait for their victim, police said.

A young man snatched her handbag after the woman stepped out of her car in Lansdowne Road, Chatham, on Friday April 11 at 10.45pm.

He was 6ft and wore a black or dark-coloured hooded top and trousers. He ran off into an alleyway. An accomplice, another man, is believed to have waiting at a nearby junction and made off with him.

## Carpet warehouse store damaged by rooftop fire

A ROOFTOP blaze took hold of a carpet warehouse – causing significant damage.

The fire broke out at the three-storey Carpet Sales Centre in Luton Road, Chatham, on Monday last week at 7.30pm, filling the air with plumes of thick black smoke.

Twenty-four firefighters from Chatham, Gillingham and Sittingbourne battled for an hour to bring the blaze under control.

No-one was injured, but a large chunk of the store's roof was destroyed by the fire.

## RAF musicians get guest spot with ladies' choir

THE Central Band of the Royal Air Force will wing their way back to Chatham on Saturday, performing at the Central Theatre.

The band return as guests of the Rainham Ladies Choir, having put on a successful show last year.

Tickets cost £7, £9 and £10 and can be booked in advance by calling the box office on 01634 338338 or online at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking).

The Rainham Ladies Choir celebrate their 49th birthday this year.

# Rolf discovers the hidden Chatham

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ANIMAL loving artist and singer Rolf Harris has been in Medway to film a new BBC show which airs tonight.

The cult television presenter was given a guided tour of Chatham Historic Dockyard during the Made in England programme, learning about the site's fascinating history and meeting young artist Lewis Boundy.

The artist and singer said he was stunned by the wooden stores and factories, which date back more than 400 years.

He said: "It was amazing to see inside the big buildings that were used to create ships in Nelson's time."

"They'd put a roof on it because when they were building ships, the rain would come in and rot the wood."

"They had to cover this enormous space, it was an amazing feat of engineering."

"When you think of the history of it all... you see all the straight lines and the way they intersect and from a distance it creates this incredible curve."

Rolf's visit to the dockyard was one of five stop-offs around Kent for the programme, in which he is charged with travelling to places that are unknown to him to gain a new perspective on England.

The former Cartoon Club and Animal Hospital host also took in the White Cliffs, Dover Castle, the Shell Grotto in Margate and the Romany Life Centre in Cranbrook.

At the end of the programme he unveils a painting influenced by the sites, people and



CAN YOU TELL WHAT IT IS YET?: Rolf Harris unveils his painting of the places he visited during the BBC TV series

places he encountered on his journey.

Speaking of the finished piece Rolf said: "The view fascinated me with the way it changed. I just wonder what the people I met will think of the painting."

"Whatever they think, I had a ball doing it. I really enjoyed it."

Chatham Historic Dockyard is no stranger to filming, with a host of film and TV crews

moving in temporarily in the past few years.

The most recent visitors were from Hollywood, who came to the dockyard to film scenes for last year's science-fiction blockbuster The Golden Compass, starring Oscar winner Nicole Kidman and James Bond heart-throb Daniel Craig.

• **Made in England** is broadcast on BBC One tonight at 10.40pm.

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## Julie follows race ace's path

A TOP karting circuit has seen a sharp rise in the number of children wanting to take the sport thanks to the recent success of motoring racing star Lewis Hamilton.

The Formula One ace, along with Jenson Button and former racer Johnny Herbert all learnt their trade scorching around the track at Buckmore Park, near Chatham.

Bosses of the international standard karting circuit have been inundated with requests from parents of youngsters wanting to take up kart racing after the meteoric rise of the Hamilton.

In response they have launched a Bambino Kart School and Junior Club, allowing kids as

young as four to get behind the wheel.

'Arrive and drive' days are also on offer to give youngsters of all ages the opportunity to experience the thrill of racing while learning valuable driving skills.

Buckmore Park is a 1,200 metre outdoor kart circuit just off junction three of the M2.

It is celebrating its 45th anniversary and during this time it has become the most popular and successful privately-owned karting venue in the UK.

After always being told she's a fast driver, Yourkenttv reporter Julie Maddocks went to try out the track for herself.



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## How to get your tickets

REGISTRATION for either a pair of Saturday or Sunday tickets will stay open until Monday at 10pm. To apply go to [www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/bigweekend](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/bigweekend) and enter your details.

Tickets will be allocated randomly, but preference will be given to people living in and around the Maidstone area, then living in Kent, then nationally.

Everyone registering to go to the Big Weekend on either day will automatically be entered into a competition to win a pair of golden tickets giving access to both days, unless they opt out.

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STAR: Madonna will perform at The Big Weekend in Maidstone on Saturday, May 10

# Fantastic coup for Big Weekend

## Madonna's first UK music festival performance

BY JON COATES

THE Queen of Pop will headline Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone next month – playing her first ever music festival in the UK.

Madonna will top the bill on the main stage at Mote Park on Saturday, May 10, with The Kooks headlining on Sunday May 11.

Chris Moyles announced the line-up for the main stage of the free music festival on his radio show on Monday morning and opened the registration for the 30,000 tickets for the two-day event.

During the weekend more than 50 UK and international artists, alongside world-class DJs, will appear on four stages.

Other big names appearing on the main stage include Usher, The Fratellis, Goldfrapp and The Enemy.

The In New Music We Trust stage will be headlined by The Editors and The Raconteurs, joined by The Futureheads and The Zutons.

And the news that pop legend Madonna, who is currently top of the singles chart with her new song 4 Minutes featuring Justin Timberlake, was on the bill has sent the demand for tickets soaring.

In the first 24 hours more than 250,000 music fans registered, which is double the number for last year's Big Weekend in Preston.

A total of 470,000 people applied for tickets during the registration week last year, so is the demand does not falter up to a million fans could try and get tickets this year.

The frenzy to see Madonna is understandable as during her last Confessions tour in 2006 tickets sold for up to £200 each.

The Big Weekend will broadcast on Radio 1 and be available to watch on BBC Three, with five hours coverage of the event – including a live broadcast of Madonna's performance on the Saturday night.

### Brilliant

Radio 1 DJ Jo Whiley said: "The Big Weekend properly kicks off the summer festival season for me and is a brilliant chance to see a stack of great bands in two days."

"This year the line-up is better than ever – only Radio 1 could bring Madonna to Maidstone – and on top of that I'm definitely going to be checking out The Kooks, Adele, Goldfrapp and Robyn on the main stage."

"I'm also really excited about seeing some of the newer bands, especially Black Kids, Gallowes, Ting Tings and The Raconteurs."

Singer Newton Faulkner, who will appear on the main stage on Sunday, said: "Should be a good day. I'll pretty much get straight off a plane and walk on stage."



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THE ENTERTAINMENT: The Editors (left) and The Kooks (right) are booked to appear at The Big Weekend



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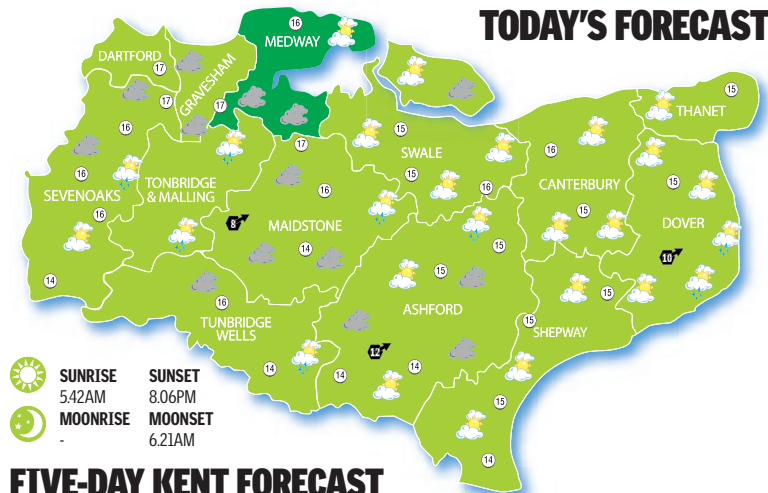
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|                   | Sunday   | 2:34pm | 6.0m |
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|                   | Sunday   | 2:40pm | 6.9m |
| <b>Ramsgate</b>   | Saturday | 2:35pm | 4.7m |
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| <b>Whitstable</b> | Saturday | 3:43pm | 4.9m |
|                   | Sunday   | 4:10pm | 4.9m |



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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| <b>Hong Kong</b>  | 28°C | <b>Warsaw</b>     | 14°C |
| <b>Las Palmas</b> | 21°C | <b>Wellington</b> | 14°C |

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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| <b>Canterbury</b> | 13°C | 15°C | 16°C | 15°C | 17°C | <b>Maidstone</b>     | 16°C | 16°C | 17°C | 17°C | 19°C |
| <b>Chatham</b>    | 13°C | 15°C | 15°C | 16°C | 17°C | <b>Ramsgate</b>      | 13°C | 15°C | 16°C | 15°C | 17°C |
| <b>Dartford</b>   | 16°C | 16°C | 17°C | 17°C | 19°C | <b>Rochester</b>     | 13°C | 15°C | 15°C | 16°C | 17°C |
| <b>Dover</b>      | 12°C | 13°C | 13°C | 13°C | 13°C | <b>Sevenoaks</b>     | 15°C | 14°C | 15°C | 16°C | 17°C |
| <b>Faversham</b>  | 13°C | 15°C | 15°C | 16°C | 17°C | <b>Sittingbourne</b> | 13°C | 15°C | 15°C | 16°C | 17°C |
| <b>Folkestone</b> | 12°C | 13°C | 13°C | 13°C | 13°C | <b>Tonbridge</b>     | 16°C | 15°C | 17°C | 17°C | 18°C |
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## Don't be tempted by offers too good to be true

COWBOY builders are being targeted by Medway's trading standards team as part of their work to make the towns safer.

Senior advice officer Alistair Martin said the department was preparing for an influx of complaints about bogus tradesmen and warned if offers of cheap work seem too good to be true, then they usually are.

He said: "We are warning anyone living and working in Medway not to be taken in by these too-good-to-be-true offers to have your driveway resurfaced or paved at a discount rate."

"What usually happens is a salesman will offer cheap labour for a certain fee, but increase the final bill once the job has finished."

"We've had some cases where residents have been taken in by these deals and ended up paying thousands of pounds to connen for sub-standard work."

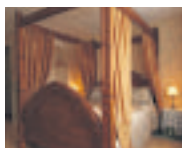
"We work with a number of agencies, including the police, to make Medway a safer place to work and live."

"If you have fallen prey to this type of scam, we would like to hear from you even if only to provide us with intelligence to help tackle this important issue."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### LINDA FIDDYMENT



**Q** Tell us a little about yourself.

**A** I am married with two grown-up daughters. I have been working in the All Saints area for the last 30 years, mainly as a volunteer. For the last two years I have been employed as the All Saints Community Project Manager. Before this I had been a civil servant since leaving school and have lived in Medway all my life. I began to attend All Saints' Church over 30 years ago through a connection with Guiding, and so began my interest and commitment to this area.

**Q** What does your job entail?

**A** My job as the All Saints reignite manager and community project manager is varied and different each day. Along with my colleague Linda Jones, I offer information and advice to people who are either not working and looking to develop new work skills, or are employed but on a low income. We offer help with training and CV writing, as well as money advice and job searching through partners that we work with. We also offer social activities such as 'Have-A-Go' sessions for the community, youth clubs, a walking group and lunch clubs for the over 45s.

**Q** What skills are required?

**A** A commitment to the area and the people living in it is vital. The most important skill is being able to listen to people and respond to whatever their need is at that moment.

Of course there is also a need to know about practical issues such as welfare benefits and how to write CVs and job applications, as well as services that are on offer.

**Q** How important is the sense of community you encourage?

**A** Community spirit is absolutely vital. It is so important for people to be interested in the area. My job would be impossible without the many volunteers who give their time to help make the most of the All Saints area. Together we believe we can make a difference to the community. Local schools and our SureStart Children's Centre have also been so valuable in helping to build a community spirit.

**Q** What needs to be done to improve community spirit?

**A** The greatest asset in any community is the people. What really would help is for more individuals to become involved in the local community. Each person can make such a difference when working alongside others.

**Q** What's it like working with teenagers?

**A** I really enjoy it. So often they get a bad press, but we have known young people who have given time to clear gardens for people, lay on community events and provide entertainment. I really believe they have so much to offer if you get to know them.

**Q** How rewarding is your job?

**A** The job is hard work and sometimes quite frustrating, but the rewards can be great. I really enjoy seeing people succeed at something new or achieve the unexpected.

**Q** How much weight do you put behind vocational training?

**A** I am pleased to see an emphasis on vocational training in schools and work. As an NVQ Assessor I am a firm believer that vocational training is good preparation for the workplace. Too often practical skills are undervalued – we need to recognise and value what each person has to offer. Recently the project has become a centre able to teach NVQs as we recognise this could help people gain skills for the workplace.

**Q** What would you like to achieve?

**A** I would like every person who lives in the All Saints area to be proud of living here and for each person to care about what happens to their neighbour and the area. That should keep me going for some time!

**Q** What events do you have coming up at All Saints?

**A** This May we are holding a competition called All Saints In Bloom to make the area more colourful by decorating houses with hanging baskets and window boxes. We hope to make a difference to the look of the area.



The community project manager took the time to talk to **Simon Robinson** about her work at the All Saints Centre in Chatham, what it's like working with teenagers and what skills she needs



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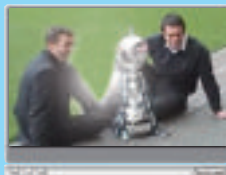
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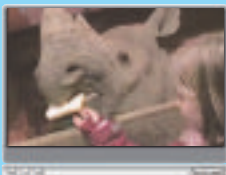
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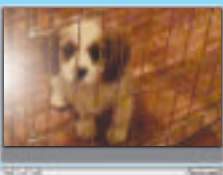
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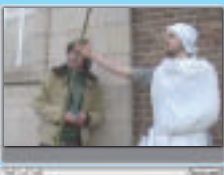
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## EDITOR'S CHOICE

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# Crowds lifted me as rain dampened hopes

Our very own sports reporter DAVID PRITCHARD proved he has what it takes in one of the world's most gruelling sport events – the Flora London Marathon. Having had a chance to catch his breath, he explains what it was like.

IT'S not often you find yourself between Gordon Ramsay and Ronan Keating, but that's precisely what happened on The Mall ten days ago.

Measuring your athletic abilities against celebrities is one of the many little bonuses which come with taking part in the London Marathon.

The three of us were among just over 34,000 to finish in what was not only the third largest in the race's history, but also the longest.

It was a touch ironic that on the occasion the race organisers had chosen to mark the centenary of the first running of the modern marathon distance, an emergency added 200 metres to the route.

Unbeknown to us competitors, as we set off in Greenwich Park the fire

brigade were being called to a suspected gas leak 13 miles further down the course.

As a result some of the field ended up running slightly more than the 26 miles 385 yards which was first covered in the 1908 London Olympics.

In previous competitions the distance had varied by over a mile and the original course from Windsor to the Olympic Stadium was 25 miles, plus a lap of the White City athletics track.

But in a last minute change of plan the start was moved back up to Windsor Castle to allow the royal family to watch, adding a mile to the total.

The race entered sporting folklore not because of the change in distance, but due to its heart-wrenching finish. Italian Dorando Pietri entered the arena on his own but on the verge of total exhaustion. Collapsing several times he was helped to his feet by stew-



**ACTION:** Among the 34,000 to finish the London Marathon was our reporter David Pritchard who is already keen to sign up for next year's race

ards, which meant that as he crossed the line he was disqualified for receiving outside assistance.

Fortunately my experience was a little easier than Signor Pietri's, but running a marathon can still have its pitfalls. Of the massed ranks on the start line, around one in nine needed medical assistance of some kind during the race while 40 runners ended up in hospital despite relatively benign conditions.

The marathon tests mental strength as much as physical and my mind and body began to fall out with each other at around 15 miles.

It had all been going so well up to that point, but the combination of a rain shower and a rare quiet section saw the onset of the first of several difficult patches.

When things start to go wrong, the spectators take on a starring role.

In the most popular sections

around Canary Wharf and the Embankment they manage to create an atmosphere which numbs the pain and replenishes flagging energy levels. They also bring all kinds of sweets to give strugglers a sugar boost, which is a wonderful idea and certainly helped propel me onwards to the finish.

Running a marathon requires months of lonely training, pushes you to uncharted levels of exhaustion and for days you walk

around like an old lady.

But somehow it's all worth it and within hours I found myself thinking about doing it all over again. And next time I'm beating Ramsay.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Modest David was raising money for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and raised £1,500.

He completed the race in an impressive three hours, 57 minutes, 44 seconds – comfortably beating TV action man Ben Fogle by seven minutes... not to mention around 23,000 of the 34,000 other runners.



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# Day trippers up to 39m – economy and jobs boost



**MAJOR ATTRACTION:** Leeds Castle is one of the sites that is boosting Kent's tourist economy with visitor numbers and spend up in new figures just released for 2006

**TOURISM** in Kent has seen a sharp rise in the number of visitors exploring local attractions and spending their cash in restaurants, stores, bars and cafes.

New figures show that during 2006 the county's economy benefited by £2.5 billion, an increase of 13.5 per cent on 2003.

Attractions such as Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds, Rochester and Dover castles, and Port Lympne and Howletts wildlife parks, all contributed to the boom.

Seven per cent of jobs are now supported by the travel industry – whether through day trippers or people taking a longer break. This is an increase of 2.2 per cent.

The figures were substantially up on those for 2003, which Visit Kent – a tourism group

■ **BY NICK AMES**

run by Kent County Council – used as a comparison.

According to the calculations more than 39 million day trippers arrived two years ago, and they spent more than £1.3 billion, a rise of 19.7 per cent. Just under that sum was spent by longer term tourists from the UK and visitors from overseas.

In all 84 per cent of visitors came from the UK with the rest mainly from continental Europe, the USA and Japan.

Fran Warrington, head of Visit Kent, said: "Tourism is a fragile and competitive industry and across the UK it has taken a long time to recover from the foot and mouth epidemic.

"But these figures show just how well we have been doing in maintaining and develop-

ing our position as a top UK destination.

"In part, these results are a reflection of the tremendous investment that has been made in our industry since 2003.

"When the research was carried out in 2006 more than £148.5 million was being invested in Kent in tourism-related developments.

"Major projects ranged from the £90 million second Swale Crossing improving access to the seaside resorts and heritage attractions on the Isle of Sheppey, to the new £37 million ferry berths and ships serving the Port of Dover."

KCC regeneration chief Roger Gough said the county faced the challenges of cheap air fares and city breaks in Europe but he said Kent had a bright future in the industry.

Mr Gough said: "This study confirms that our tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses are rising to both the short and long term challenges in their marketplace."

## Death of mother prompts action



HOSPITAL trusts must not get complacent in the fight against superbugs, a campaigner has warned.

Laura Probert joined the National Concern for Healthcare Infections (NCHI), which works to raise awareness of superbugs and other infections, after her mother died at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford three years ago.

She said: "She was in there because she fell and broke her hip, she was not ill.

"They operated and she got an MRSA infection in the wound. She was in hospital for three months and developed Clostridium difficile and e-coli – she just gave up in the end."

Since the loss of her 82-year-old mother, Mrs Probert, who lives in Ramsgate, has been working on behalf of the NCHI and plans to join LINK, the Local Involvement Network that will replace Patient and Public Involvement Forums.

"We were not told anything," she said. "It was such a battle to get information, but it has picked up now and they are taking it more seriously."

Despite infection rates of MRSA and C diff decreasing in hospitals across the county, Mrs Probert is concerned that trusts could get complacent and return to bad practice.

KOS Media has been running a campaign to help doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals battle against superbugs.

The award-winning publishers have been raising awareness that simply washing your hands at home and work using soap and water and the alcohol hand washing gel provided in hospitals is the simplest way to stop infection spreading.

Mrs Probert is speaking at the Westminster Health Forum next month about monitoring hand hygiene procedures and welcomed KOS Media's campaign.

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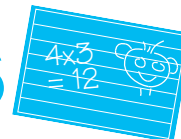
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## BREAK TIME

### Youngsters told to get on their bike

MEDWAY'S youngsters will soon be using peddle-power after the council secured an £80,000 government grant.

The cash will be put towards improving schoolchildren's road safety skills, giving them greater awareness of dangers on the road.

Front line services chief Phil Filmer said: "This is great news. We will now be working hard to improve our cycling course and continue to encourage more kids to cycle in a bid to help reduce traffic congestion and get them healthier."

The funding will support the new national cycle training standard promoted by Cycling England as Bikeability.

The grant comes as part of a £140 million Department for Transport package that will provide up to 500,000 youngsters with cycle training by 2012.

### Students go green

MORE than 100 Medway pupils were encouraged to discuss green schemes during an eco-schools conference.

Eager students from 14 secondary schools met at the Corn Exchange in Rochester for the topical one-day debate.

Presentations were given by pupils from Thomas Aveling School in Rochester and Silverbank Park in Chatham, explaining what they had achieved so far.

Children's services chief Les Wicks said: "It's good to see so many young people taking an active interest in recycling and learning about how to live a greener life, both in school and at home."

The event was organised by Medway Youth Parliament. For more information call MYP participation on 01634 338748.

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# Juniors have a wild day out at college

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

YOUNGSTERS got to grips with snakes, ferrets and tarantulas during an animal open day at Mid-Kent College.

More than 60 Horsted Junior School pupils took part in the wild day out, learning about caring for animals in the home and outdoors.

Animal management department technician Eliz Thomas said the purpose of the visit was to teach the kids that keeping a pet can be a fun hobby.

She said: "What we want to do is educate the children on the care of animals and show it is good fun when done properly."

"People of any age can keep a pet, but it is important to understand fully what your pet's needs are."

"We regularly hear stories of animals being dumped because their owners hadn't realised how much work, time and money would be needed to look after them."

The juniors were showed how to handle and care for household pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and hamsters, and also visited the department's exotic animal room, which houses snakes, lizards, cockroaches and spiders.

To round the day off the children watched a dog display, taking part themselves by acting as human 'jumps', and made animal-face masks as a memento of the visit.

Horsted Junior School teaching assistant Mrs Applegate said: "The children were so excited to come here particularly as they were going to have the opportunity to see animals and reptiles you don't see everyday in the Medway area."

"They have learnt a lot about caring for pets and other animals. The whole day was very well-organised and highly educational, and we look forward to visiting again."



**SSSSSSO MUCH FUN:** More than 60 Horsted Junior School pupils took part in a wild day out, learning about animals

Students currently enrolled on the college's national diploma animal management course are going on to a variety of universities this September to study a range of courses including; wildlife and conservation, animal behaviour and psychology, animal conservation and biodiversity, veterinary nursing and zoology.

Two students who took part in a conservation field trip earlier this year to South Africa have been inspired to return to the country to continue conservation work.

For more details of national and first diplomas in animal care or horse care, call the college's course information line on 01634 402020 or visit the website at [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk).

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## Word on the ground Scally: Don't sell our Priestfield

BEING born and raised in Chatham and living most of my life so far in and around the Medway towns, it would come as no surprise to your readers that Gillingham FC are close to my heart and the current plight of the club is very sad to see.

I've been a season ticket holder for the last two seasons but have been going regularly home and away since 1995, coincidentally the start of the Paul Scally era.

After ten years of continuous improvement on and off the pitch, which included a five-year stay in the Championship, the last three years in League One we have been involved in three relegation battles and have struggled on and off the pitch, and I often find myself wandering quite where it all went wrong and who and where the blame lies.

Most of the time I come to the same conclusion and that is, the chairman Mr Scally is

responsible and it's time he took accountability for his mistakes.

For anyone who is not aware of our current plight, we are on the verge of being relegated back to League Two.

We owe the bank something in the region of £12 million, our crowds are at the lowest since the mid nineties, the supporters are forever at each other's throats and despite all that, Mr Scally would have you believe at times that everything is rosy in the Gillingham garden.

Most Gillingham fans can understand the troubles on the pitch as every team outside the top four in Premiership goes through ups and downs. But what worries supporters is that for a club which has owned its own ground for over 100 years, in less than 14 years Mr Scally has somehow managed to get into a financial position where he may need to sell the ground and Gillingham FC become a tenant.

Now as Maidstone United fans will be painfully aware, once you sell your ground due to money troubles and are a tenant, the chances of you going under as a club are very high indeed.

Now I haven't got all the answers and maths hasn't always been my best subject, but I know for sure the club can't continue to survive on crowds of between 4,000 and 5,000 with a debt the size of £12 million.

Now if Mr Scally's programme notes over the course of the last few seasons are to be believed, he has been telling supporters that he's working as hard as ever with the bank to restructure the debt.

So, where does the club go from here?

Well I firmly believe that selling Priestfield should not be considered as a long-term solution to our debt problems and I wait with bated breath to see what Mr Scally does next.

One thing's for sure, I and many Gills supporters won't just let the ground be sold without a fight and if you talk to any Gillingham fan, keeping Priestfield in Gillingham FC hands would be better than any joy that a win can bring.

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## TALK TIME

### LOUISA HORNER

Louisa Horner works at Mid-Kent College, on the new youth university progression course. She talks about her job, the Youth UP programme and working in Medway



#### Can you tell us a bit about yourself and your work?

I graduated from Reading University in history and sociology, and started teaching A levels part-time at MKC in 2002.

I studied for my PGCE while teaching and then studied for my MA in medieval history.

Since 2006 I have been teaching A levels full-time and have been involved in establishing and delivering the new Youth UP course at Horsted and Oakwood Park.

#### What does your job entail?

I am involved in preparing and teaching A levels, access courses and now the Youth University Progression.

There are plenty of other responsibilities, such as when students come to us for help, staying in contact with parents and, of course, paperwork.

We started Youth UP as a one-year course at Horsted in Chatham two years ago and we now hope to also deliver a two-year version at Oakwood Park in Maidstone from September this year.

Students take a number of subjects – the one-year course is humanities based (English, history, psychology, sociology and communications) and the two-year course allows students to choose from humanities or science subjects.

The benefits include extra time for tutorials so that we can fully support the students on their journey to university.

We also provide a programme of enrichment, which includes guest speakers, visits to universities, team-building activities and student projects.

#### What are your favourite aspects in terms of working in Medway?

I like the history-related sites and museums of this area, and the wider Kent heritage.

There are opportunities in the Youth UP for students to access these sites in local history projects and research.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Site maps out the reasons behind safety cameras



### Big-earning speed camera is not listed

I went to the Kit Car Show at Detling on Saturday and was going up Detling Hill to find a speed camera van parked in its regular spot in the layby halfway up the hill.

Following on from the report you printed from the Kent and Medway Camera Safety Camera Partnership stating how all camera sites are listed, I decided to look this one up.

Strangely enough, this lucrative site is not listed! The one further along the A249 is, but not the one in the 50mph zone.

To me this is a dual carriageway, which should be 70mph, but has been downgraded to 50mph, up one of the steepest hills in Kent, which I can only imagine is to 'harvest' a generous income for the partnership?

There is a fixed camera at the start of the hill, possibly to cover the junction, but beyond this point, how many speed-related (not all) accidents have occurred on this section of carriageway?

Perhaps Rachel Wall of the camera partnership could



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to justify its continued use.

Terry Hudson  
By email

## We miss our urban bobby on the beat

You asked in last week's paper for our views on rural policing, amid claims some in the countryside felt 'isolated'.

Well, I'd say that policing is hardly high profile in towns either.

In fact, the days when you could stroll through a high street and always spot a 'bobby on the beat' seem to be long gone – and that's a great shame.

Such a police presence used to deter so much trouble – but more importantly it reassured us all.

Edna Sugden  
By email

## Government needs new homes targets

Since the housing market is in decline, Kent Green Party is arguing that new housing targets must be issued.

The private sector home builders can only build what they can sell.

The Government must adopt new housing targets which are realistic for current economic circumstances.

This may well mean a dramatic slowdown in new home building in Kent, especially in areas scheduled for major housing growth such as along the Thames Gateway in Medway.

We now know that house prices are static throughout Kent and sales of homes have slowed down markedly.

But the Government has yet to issue new, more realistic housing targets for our local councils in Kent.

Since nine out of ten new homes are built by private developers for sale, they clearly are not going to be building homes to stand

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empty or for very low prices.

Kent Green Party believes there may be a protracted recession since the Government has done virtually nothing to prepare the economy or society for very high oil prices.

This raises the cost of building materials and their distribution, and has clearly contributed to raising food prices.

Such factors will cause people to be cautious about taking on new mortgages, especially as these now cost a lot more to obtain.

Steve Dawe  
Kent Green Party  
By email

## Weaknesses in the fight against C diff

I was very pleased to see that you gave publicity to the work of the recent health hygiene forum in your paper (Campaign has hand in hygiene advance, Yourmedway, April 9).

I was the author of the paper on hand alcohol and it was good to see that you highlighted the most important points.

It remains to be seen whether the hospitals take up the suggestions. Hand cleaning at entrances (and exits) we feel is very important and not done in East Kent hospitals.

I would like to draw your attention to the other paper you received at the same time.

This is on the use of chlorine, an essential for the control of Clostridium difficile.

It is in many ways more important that the hand cleaning as it highlights various weakness in

the hygiene system for C diff, not just in East Kent, but nationally.

John Fletcher  
Ex-East Kent Hospitals PPIF

## Cook a curry and help injured army veterans

We have all seen the horrific physical injuries that some of our brave troops have endured when serving their country.

The average casualty rate of an Army battalion in Afghanistan or Iraq can be up to 14 per cent; losing limbs as a result of a roadside bomb or falling victim to a sniper are just two examples.

We do not, however, yet know about the psychological injuries that some soldiers will incur as a result of their time in action.

In addition to what the State is able to provide, in times of need soldiers turn to the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF).

It is the soldiers' charity and provides support whether soldiers are serving in the Regular or Territorial Army, or are now veterans or need help for their families.

It is for this reason the Army Benevolent Fund set up its major new fundraising event, the World's Biggest Curry Lunch, based on the longstanding Army tradition of serving curry to their guests.

The premise is simple and fun; the ABF is asking everyone to cook a delicious curry lunch for their friends, family or colleagues in return for a donation, which they then send to the ABF.

The Army will also be joining in, in garrisons and theatres across the

world. The ABF hopes to raise at least £150,000 from the event.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman David Lewis, is hosting his own Curry Lunch in the Guildhall, London.

For details about how to get take part in the event and to download a fundraising and recipe pack to cook your own curry lunch, visit [www.worldsbiggestcurrylunch.com](http://www.worldsbiggestcurrylunch.com) or call 0845 241 4831.

Colonel Peter Cook  
Regional director of fundraising for the  
South East Army Benevolent Fund  
By email

## Run for us and help disabled children

I would like to make a very special appeal to any runners who would like to take part in the BUPA London 10K run on Monday, May 26, and use one of our guaranteed places.

The Children's Trust is a national charity which provides care, education and therapy to children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs.

We still have a few guaranteed places available for this event and would love to hear from anyone who is keen to take part and support a very worthy cause.

I can be contacted on 01737 365017, or by email: [events@thechildrenstrust.org.uk](mailto:events@thechildrenstrust.org.uk).

To find out more about other running events in The Children's Trust is involved please visit: [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/run](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/run).

Ceri Owens  
Events fundraiser for The Children's Trust  
By email

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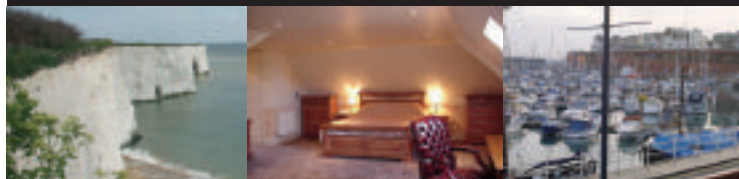
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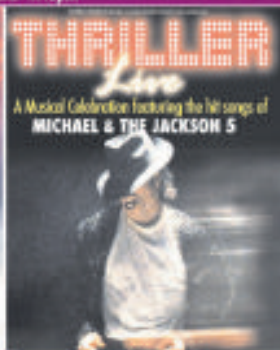
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AS the acknowledged pioneers of folk rock, Steeleye Span brought the genre to the international stage.

Since forming in 1969, the group has been at the forefront of the field and become a musical institution. Members have come and gone over the years, but the line-up has always included some of the leading lights of the British folk scene. Perhaps best known for the hits *All Around My Hat* and *Gaudéte*, the band has delighted audiences around the world and achieved gold disc sales status.

Following the revival of traditional British music in smoky clubs during the 50s and 60s, some musicians were beginning to consider the idea of setting folk music to electric accompaniment. In 1969 Fairport Convention released *Liege and Lief*, an acclaimed album of traditional ballads, but most members of the band did not wish to continue the trend.

However, bass player Ashley Hutchings was inspired by the discovery and he found like-minded musicians in the form of Maddy Prior, Tim Hart and Gay and Terry Woods. The group moved into a country house to get to know each other, before recording their first album *Hark! The Village Wait*.

Unfortunately the rehearsal process had not been entirely harmonious and the album would never be performed live, with the Woods being replaced by traditional singer Martin Carthy.



Fiddler Peter Knight was also recruited and the band finally embarked on their first live tour. They also began to get involved in drama and the idea of touring the US was mooted, but Hutchings and Carthy suddenly announced they were leaving the band. The next line-up featured bass player Rick Kemp and guitarist/singer Bob Johnson.

There would be further changes over the decades, but the band took a strong cult following and converted it into an international fan base. They

toured the US with Jethro Tull, entertaining thousands of people with their dramatic staging and unusual songs. Following that tour they recorded the album *Now We Are Six*, which included a track on which David Bowie played saxophone.

Another project required a ukulele and, not knowing anybody who played, the band drafted in Peter Sellers for the afternoon.

It was the release of album *All Around My Hat* in 1975 that saw the peak of the band's commercial success and landed them an appearance on *Top of the Pops*, their second after *Gaudéte*. Chart success would not come again, but the band's popularity in the electric folk world continued.

The success of the 35th anniversary tour in 2004 led to the recording of studio albums *Babylon*, *Winter* and the latest album *Bloody Men*, released in November 2006. The current line-up comprises Maddy Prior, the voice of Steeleye Span for 34 years, stalwart fiddler Peter Knight, bassist Rick Kemp, Ken Nicol on guitar and vocals and drummer Liam Genockey.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50. Call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or book online at [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk).

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Tuesday, April 29  
Orchard Theatre, Dartford



THE Ukrainian National Opera of Odessa makes a second visit to Dartford with the stunning *La Traviata*.

Presented by successful local producer Ellen Kent and Opera International, the operatic version of *La Dame aux Camélias* by Dumas tells the story of passionate courtesan Violetta. With a live orchestra and lavish sets and costumes, the stage is set for a powerful tale of romance and drama.

Courted by an uncaring Baron, Violetta is eventually won over by the love of a young nobleman Alfredo and they embark on a simple country life together. But when Violetta's reputation threatens the engagement of Alfredo's sister, she faces a choice between losing her true love and ruining the family's future.

Considered to be one of the finest opera companies in Europe, the Ukrainian National Opera of Odessa brings some outstanding soloists. Maria Tsonina, who won a scholarship to the CEE Music Theatre in Vienna, plays Violetta alongside handsome Andriy Perfilov as Alfredo.

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## UKULELE ORCHESTRA

Friday, April 25  
Central Theatre, Chatham



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POPULAR music gets an unusual makeover at the hands of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain.

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The Today Programme, Richard and Judy, Loose Ends and Start The Week have all been visited by the orchestra. They also made triumphant appearances on Jool's Holland's

## THE LAST RESORT

Wednesday, April 30  
Brook Theatre, Chatham



WHEN a junior devil needs a holiday, where does he go?

The Last Resort is the latest show by Kent-based theatre company Strangeface, which uses masks and puppets to create magical worlds. Described as Spitting Image meets The Brothers Grimm, the company creates unforgettable characters and stories accompanied by intriguing live music.

A satire about greed, ambition and redemption, The Last Resort follows the fortunes of a soldier thief who visits a remote village on the edge of ruin. With an extraordinary fortune on his back, he makes the village elders an offer of salvation. But he also has a devil at his side and the offer comes at a terrible price.

The darkly comic play will be followed by a chance for the audience to get on stage and try out the masks and puppets, or simply ask the actors questions.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8, special school rates are available. Call the box office on 01634 338338 or book online at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatres). For more information about Strangeface visit the website at [www.strangeface.co.uk](http://www.strangeface.co.uk).



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### A colourful night of live music in Gillingham

RISING band The Colours will be headlining another superb night of live music in Gillingham on Friday.

The three-piece indie pop band has supported The Wombats, Boy Kill Boy and Dan Le Sac Vs Scroobius Pip and is currently on tour. They'll be supported by Kent-based Infa Red and 3BobNation.

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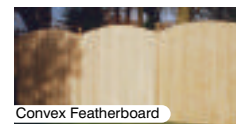
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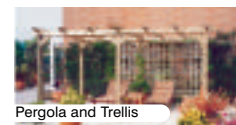
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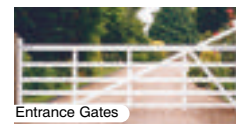
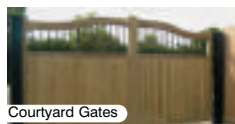
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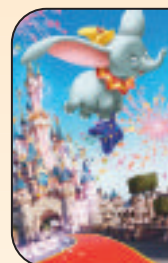


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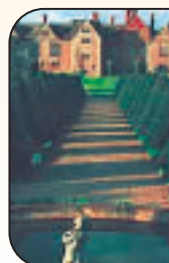
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## Who else will perform at summer festivals?

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FESTIVAL organisers are sadistic geniuses.

Rather than release their full line-up of performers in one big hit, they opt for the 'drip drip' approach, adding odd bands to the bill in random bursts.

The technique is undoubtedly of genius proportions, as it ensures their festival is the talk of the town week in week out.

But it also gives us honest music fans the chance to partake in a fun new game I'm calling Guess Those Bands.

The rules are simple: Take any festival, look at the number of vacant slots still on the bill and then guess which bands you think will be added in the next batch of confirmed performers. For each correct answer you score one point and a big thumbs up from me.

To start the ball rolling, I give you The Hop Farm Festival, being held in Paddock Wood on Sunday, July 6.

Bosses behind the seven-act one-dayer have already confirmed legend Neil Young as headliner, Primal Scream as main support and Britpop heroes Supergrass and American rockers My Morning Jacket as playing – leaving three spaces for Guess Those Bands.

I'm going to plump for Simply Red, Daphne and Celeste, and Des O'Connor as the other acts rounding off the bill. A safe bet for three points, I'm sure you'll agree.

Let's move forward.

Zoo's line-up already boasts cover-version star Mark Ronson, Brighton-based British Sea Power and Mercury Music Award-winning Dizzee Rascal among the dozens of artists already confirmed for the Port Lympne week-

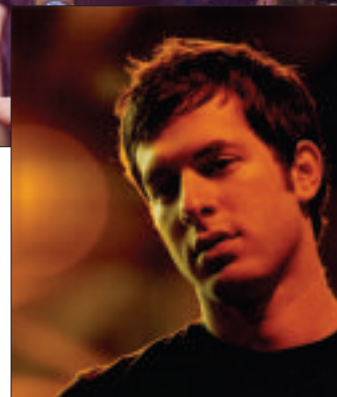


**TWO:** Which bands do you think will line-up alongside British Sea Power and Mark Ronson at Zoo8?ender. But the official website states there are "More world class acts and headliners to be announced very soon", giving us a chance to play.

How about Right Said Fred, Status Quo and Shabba Ranks? They'd fit right in alongside Funeral For A Friend, The Cribs and Athlete, I think.

While we're at it, what about the Lounge on the Farm event?

Bearing in mind Art Brut, Black Kids and The Bees have already agreed to play the Canterbury festival, it stands to reason that Rolf Harris, Cilla Black and Babylon Zoo will follow suit.

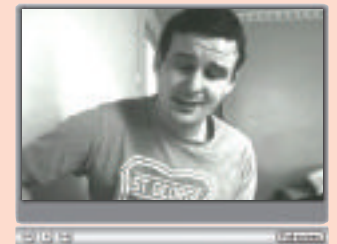


Disclaimer: If I score a single point with my Guess Those Bands predictions I'll retire from the music writing scene a broken and disillusioned man.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS



LOST THE PLOT? Tennant and Tate in Dr Who

**DOCTOR WHO**  
BBC1, 6.20pm, Saturday

"AND before you ask, I had nothing to do with that fire."

No, this wasn't a smatter of chatter from the Isle of Thanet – where the wooden rollercoaster has been wrecked – but David Tennant early on in a recent Doctor Who adventure.

The good Doctor was in Pompei for the build-up to the big eruption, which naturally all linked in with alien weirdness in some way, somehow.

Not wishing to sound dumb, and undoubtedly failing miserably, I'm finding the sci-fi hit's plotlines almost impossible to follow at the moment.

For a show that relies on younger viewers to make up a large share of its audience, the current crop of Who writers may well be setting the bar a little bit too high.

Either that or I'm just thick.

However, this is not the only problem spooking the Tardis these days.

As latest assistant Donna, Catherine Tate has turned up to wreak havoc in the annals of time, but it's hard to see what she is actually bringing to the party, for this is a sci-fi and a catchphrase-free zone.

Tate aside – and please let's leave her there – it's hard to pinpoint just

where Doctor Who is falling short at the moment.

It looks good, and it is a show I desperately want to like, but it just doesn't seem to click.

One factor may be just that it's a little bit too slick for its own good.

Tennant is the most polished Doctor yet and the days of the wobbly sets and bubblewrap monsters have long been consigned to the skip to be replaced with CGI.

It will be an interesting series and there's still a long way to go.

A certain Billie Piper returns as Rose before too long and the imminent comeback of insane superbaddie, Davros, creator of the Daleks, is also rumoured to be nigh.

It's still pulling in the audiences, but the jury is still very much out.



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One to have a look at while awaiting dinnertime inspiration, perhaps.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU could hear news of a career matter. Getting a new job gives you enough money to buy a beautiful home. If you don't have the cash to make the purchase, you will be granted a generous loan. Stepping up your exercise routine will give you more energy. Starting a new line of work is always tiring. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

A PARTNERSHIP matter comes to a successful close. You and your associate could switch duties and this will give you a deeper appreciation of each other's talents. Learning a foreign language or going abroad could change the way you see the world. Living could put you on the path to love. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

AN agreement could come to a close. Alternatively, it may be time to sign mortgage papers. This is a wonderful turn of events, as it will put you in a more secure situation. You may have an opportunity to get a better job. Doing work you enjoy will lift your mood dramatically. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

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A LEGAL matter could reach a satisfying conclusion. Go out and Celebrate with your nearest and dearest. An unorthodox statement may win the affection of an onlooker who admires the way you march to the beat of your own drum. In turn, you will appreciate their forthright attitude. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU could see exciting results from taking just a little more exercise. People who never looked twice at you are starting to stare with admiring eyes. If you're already in a relationship, your partner may become extra amorous. Prepare to spend lots of time in bed this week. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PEOPLE have been waiting to know what your next move will be. Send a mass email proclaiming the news. You may decide to embark upon a course of study, or leave a mundane job. It means you may have to take a risk, but even a security orientated person like you needs to take the odd gamble. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU have a great opportunity to spend quality time by yourself. Developing a business plan is a good idea. Promising job offers could be headed your way. An austere authority figure admires your work ethic. It may be impossible to contain your feelings for the object of your affection. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU may be tempted to spend a windfall on luxuries, but you'd be better off paying off any debts you have. You're making exciting progress in your career and a promotion comes with a pay raise, too. A surprise visitor could arrive at your door. It's wonderful to see this person after so many years. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

THE opportunity to travel could fall into your lap. Seize it, or somebody else will take your place. You've been restless lately, and you'll enjoy the change. A casual romance could reach its turning point. It's time to decide whether or not you want to take this relationship to the next level. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

STANDING by your principles will yield rewards. People admire your ability to go against conventional wisdom for the sake of the group. You may be given an opportunity to work from home or start your own business. Someone is drawn to your earthy sensuality may have a secret crush on you. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



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### CRYPTIC CLUES

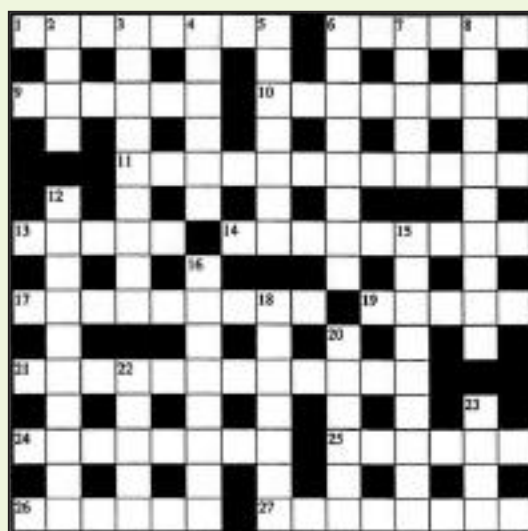
#### ACROSS

- 1 People not well advised to stay here (8)
- 6 Cook's formula? (6)
- 9 Fellow of stone (6)
- 10 Go next day, say, to Biblical city (8)
- 11 Fourth window? (12)
- 13 On Friday Edward did some cooking (5)
- 14 Does this part of the theatre offer scope for the inexperienced? (9)
- 17 Scarf then clock was removed (9)
- 19 One before ten in turbulent new environment was pale (5)
- 21 How gin was made to disappear? (8,4)
- 24 Rest clap wildly when it is eerie (8)
- 25 Cupholder Elizabeth back in the country (6)
- 26 Troubled a corny writer (6)
- 27 Cut back engineers ditch (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Not quite round the ground (4)
- 3 Two high-pitched sounds coming from contemptible person (9)
- 4 Doubly dark plaid (6)
- 5 One who leaves smoothly on river (7)
- 6 It was said to be dirty again (8)
- 7 Dog coming from Bacchic orgies (5)
- 8 From photo, erase weapon (10)
- 12 Request made by broadsheet in parliamentary agenda (5-5)
- 15 Off-the-peg is very convenient (5-4)
- 16 It smoothes explosive inflator (8)
- 18 One working overhead about two days for fish (7)
- 20 Cheap American duo took part (3-3)
- 22 Hard to describe these mountains (5)
- 23 Last character included metal (4)

### SCRIBBLE HERE



### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Large airliner (5,3)
- 6 Art movement (6)
- 9 Wildcat (6)
- 10 Laid waste (8)
- 11 Chivalrously (12)
- 13 Thin crisp biscuit (5)
- 14 Romantic play (9)
- 17 Stubbard (9)
- 19 Loud slap (5)
- 21 Mad (5,3,4)
- 24 Woodwind instrument (8)
- 25 Coldest US state (6)
- 26 Header (anag.) (6)
- 27 Game of chance (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Poisonous tree (4)
- 3 Most offhand (9)
- 4 Sleeveless coat (6)
- 5 Immature frog (7)
- 6 Unyielding (4-4)
- 7 A slab (anag.) (5)
- 8 Colony (10)
- 12 Mystified (10)
- 15 Renounce (9)
- 16 Example (8)
- 18 Loudspeaker (7)
- 20 Feeling of having previously experienced something (4,2)
- 22 Courage (5)
- 23 Burlesque (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No32

EASY

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No32

- ACROSS: 1 Lightweight 9 Avatar 10 Galilei  
12 Lily pad 14 Alcohol 15 Over the hill  
16 Tin 17 Sum 19 Redoubtable 22 Risotto  
23 Eternal 24 Abiding 25 Either 26  
Pestiferous. DOWN: 2 Involve 3 Hot spot  
4 War 5 Ingratitude 6 Helical 7 Old hat  
8 Violoncello 11 Bloodstream  
13 Dreadnought 18 Mastic 19 Ratline  
20 Tweeter 21 Bandeau 25 Elf.

### QUICK SOLUTION No33

- 20 De ja vu 22 Nerve 23 Skit  
15 Repudiate 16 Insistence 18 Tweeter  
7 Balsa 8 Settlement 12 Bamboozled  
3 Brinsquest 4 Jerkin 5 Tadpole 6 Cast-iron  
26 Adhere 27 Roulette. DOWN: 2 Ussak  
14 Mideborana 17 Obscure 19 Spank  
10 Dislocate 11 Quoxocally 13 Water  
ACROSS: 1 Jumbo jet 6 Cubism 9 Jaguar

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## ON GENERAL RELEASE

### STREET KINGS (15)



KEANU Reeves stars as Tom Ludlow, a veteran LAPD cop who finds life difficult to navigate after the death of his wife. When evidence implicates him in the execution of a fellow officer, he is forced to go up against the cop culture he's been a part of his entire career, ultimately leading him to question the loyalties of everyone around him.

### FOOLS GOLD (12A)



BEN Finn Finnegan is an affable, modern-day treasure hunter obsessed with finding the legendary 18th century Queen's Dowry - 40 chests of treasure lost at sea in 1715. In his quest, Finn has sunk everything he has, including his marriage to Tess. Just as Tess has begun to rebuild her life, Finn discovers a vital clue to the treasure's whereabouts.

### IN BRUGES (18)



BELGIAN city Bruges is a welcoming destination for travellers from all over the world. But for hit men Ray and Ken, it could be their final destination; a difficult job has resulted in the pair being ordered by their London boss Harry to go and cool their heels in the storybook city for a couple of weeks. And when the call from Harry does finally come, Ken and Ray's vacation becomes a life-and-death struggle.

# Renee and George are simply good friends

BY SARAH O'MEARA

EVEN wearing four-inch, black patent Christian Louboutin heels (the ones with the red soles) Renee Zellweger is still half a head shorter than her Leatherheads co-star and director George Clooney.

But as the two discuss his homage to the forties screwball comedy - think witty banter, Bringing Up Baby, raised eyebrows and cloche hats - what the Texan tinkerbelle lacks in size, she makes up for in 'verbosity', as she calls it. According to Clooney, Zellweger's natural wit and sarcasm, often disguised by her breathy, southern tones, made her the obvious choice for his latest directorial effort.

"We slur. We say 'you know'. But Renee has this incredible ability to walk straight into a period piece," he says admiringly.

In his first directing venture since Good Night And Good Luck, Renee plays Chicago Tribune reporter, Lexie Littleton, on the trail of top football star Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski, from the American version of The Office). Dressed to kill, she is more than a match for any man, and crosses verbal swords with wise cracking football manager, 'Dodge' Connolly (Clooney) at every opportunity.

Set in the late twenties, Leatherheads charts the rise of professional American football. Seen as a game for losers with nowhere else to go after high school, Dodge sets out to change things.

He persuades American college football star and war hero Rutherford to join his team, the Duluth Bulldogs. Soon the players are wearing fur, the stands are packed and sponsorship deals flooding in; but Lexie has her doubts about Dodge's star player.

George and Renee are natural sparring partners, both on and off screen. Speaking about the film, Clooney waxes lyrical about his

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love of forties comedies, while Renee admits to knowing exactly nothing about the genre.

She says: "I just liked the script. Coming from George, believe it or not, it really was good. I'm completely ignorant of cinema history and this fella here had to educate me a little bit. We had screenings in place of rehearsals just to make sure everyone was familiar with the style. It was a challenge. And I didn't want to get hit so I did my homework." George clarifies cheerfully: "I never did it with a closed fist - always the open hand."

It's hard to stay serious with these two in the room. Renee is as coy, mischievous and irreverent as George is passionate, good-humoured and frank. As the conversation wheels from curling to politics, every opportunity to mock one another is taken.

But despite the speculation, both actors have always claimed to be just good friends.

George says: "I was joking in an interview



**BATTLE:** Renee Zellweger and George Clooney make excellent sparring partners both on and off screen

and I said something like, 'Well I like her a little bit'. And the next day it was all over the papers. She came in and was like, 'Just a little bit?!' Jokes don't often work in print."

But their lack of sexual chemistry off screen doesn't stop sparks flying on set. A series of gorgeous suits and dresses, artfully created by George's favoured production designer Louise Frogley, make Zellweger fairly irresistible and even manage to give the svelte beauty a few curves.



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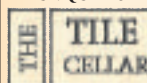
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## Intensely incredible India

BY DAVID FIRTH

THE two customs men looked fierce, and I feared a telling off for losing my landing card between immigration control and the baggage carousel.

But the ice was broken with a bribe of two Cox's apples, and the Delhi airport officials overlooked my absent-mindedness and cheerfully waved me through. It was my first taste of India's extremes – outwardly officious, but in truth, intensely down to earth.

Though I was here as a tourist, my adventure was not to be made backpacker-style. I was to mix luxury with the sights and sounds of one of the world's most romantic buildings, the Taj Mahal.

My visit was in June, and yes, it was hot. Few tourists visit in midsummer, with cooling monsoon rains still a month away. But if you can stand the thermometer hitting the 40 degree mark, it's a quieter and cheaper time to see north India's majestic emblem.

I travelled to Agra, home of the Taj, by road. A distance of 130 miles, Delhi and Agra are directly linked by one of India's finest dual carriageways. But while the highway is indeed wide, my minibus was fighting for space with oxen, bicycle rickshaws, tractors, buses and overloaded trucks.

Only brave or foolhardy visitors would hire a car for the trip. But just under five hours later we were there – pulling into the Oberoi



BREATH TAKING: The Taj Mahal shines with radiance

Amarvilas, where every room boasts a clear view of the Taj Mahal, barely 600 metres away.

The Taj is traditionally visited soon after dawn, or before sunset. I decided to go after sunrise – after first taking in the view from my balcony. The ivory domes rose above the surrounding trees, flown over by green parakeets and jet black crows.

It is almost eerie to see something so familiar. And luckily for me, it had rained a week earlier, so the marble walls were washed of dust and radiated in the sun.

At the gates of the Taj, and indeed outside all tourist traps, hawkers are ready to pounce – and you've got to be ready for them. The persistence of postcard and guide-book sellers can be frustrating. Once through the gates, however, the world is more at peace.

The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the mid 17th century, a monument of love to his favourite wife, queen Mumtaz Mahal. The white marble was carried by elephants from 200 miles away. It took 22 years and 20,000 men to build.

Passing through the red sandstone gateway, the Taj lies dead ahead, beyond the famous watercourse. It was quiet, even after 8am.

Once at the building itself, shoes are removed and you walk to the entrance up smooth, marble steps. Up close, you are confronted with fantastically-intricate stone carvings. Marble screens are inlaid with semi-precious stones such as black onyx, opaque yellow jasper and sea green turquoise.

From 600 metres, or at arm's length, the Taj is breathtaking.

What is amazing to a Western visitor is that so little is off-limits. Because the marble of the Taj is so hard, it has only been polished, not worn, by the millions of hands and feet which have brushed against it.

Such is the Taj's pulling power, there were far more Indians than Western tourists who had come to pay homage. A handful of Muslims prayed in the mosque which lies to the side.

The Indian tourist board's catchphrase is 'Incredible India'. They aren't kidding.

### FACT FILE: INDIA

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Time difference | UK +4 1/2 hours         |
| Capital         | Delhi                   |
| Population      | Approx 1.12 billion     |
| Currency        | Rupee (79 to £1 approx) |
| Religion        | Hindu                   |
| Climate         | Tropical                |
| Language        | Hindi/English           |

### Holiday details

David Firth travelled with Air France which flies to Delhi via Paris from nine UK airports including Heathrow (from £428.40).

Air France reservations: 0870 142 4343 and [www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com).

Operators with packages to the Taj Mahal include Somak, which offers return flights, transfers and three nights' B&B at the Oberoi Amarvilas from £1,629, including transfers. Eight-night room-only packages, including JET return flights into Delhi and road transfers to Agra, start at £1,199.

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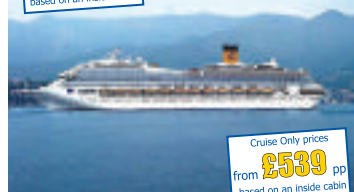
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### HEIGH-HO!

Calling all knights in shining armour! dame in distress, 30, needs rescuing... I can't guarantee love, but can guarantee laughs. Box 438462

### LADY MADONNA

Single Mum of 2, 35, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic, for possible relationship. Box 438417

### UNDER THE BOARDWALK

Black female, 32, 5'8", likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTW a nice man 34-50, down-to-earth and fun to be with. Box 438585

### EXRESSLY YOURS

31yo Chinese girl, 5'4", slim, no children, seeking tall, white, loving, caring, all-Eastern male for serious relationship. Box 438931

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### ALL IN GOOD TIME

Black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, lives watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

### CUDDLY

32yr old woman, 5'8", brown hair, curly figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh, I'm WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

### TAKE ME OUT

Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'8", dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941

### EQUESTRIAN OF SPORT!

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 438413

### TRY NEW THINGS

Mum of 1, I'm 5'4", blonde, slim, young-looking 34, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431555

### R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8", brown hair, blonde eyes, single Mum, seeking male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

### ROMANCE IS ALIVE

Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 431930

### MUM'S THE WORD

Attractive black female, 36, 5'11", slim, medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 438329

### THE GENTLE LADY

Easilygoing female with GSOH, 36, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 414578

### RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

Female, 40, 5'4", slim, like walks, cinema, looking for nice man to share quality time together and cuddles. Box 437940

### NO REGRETS

42-year-old female, 40, slim, love meeting new people and enjoying life, looking for an understanding man for friendship. Box 439524

### NEVER SAY NEVER

Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 379864

### ACTIVE ANGEL

Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'1", curly, enjoy eating out and cooking, to be with a guy who can make me happy. Box 434338

### ROUND TWO

41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

### YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

### STRIKE OR SPARE!

42-year-old female, 37, slim, down-to-earth, normal love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male, 40-55, for friendship and more! Box 436163

### FOREVER YOURS

Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430592

### ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 859098

### ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 414578

## COMPLETE

Bubbly female, 41, 5'2", N/S, enjoys pubs, restaurants, cinema, GSOH, interior design, seeks like minded, fun male for good times. Box 822703

## TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

## READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling. WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

## LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE

45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435484

## MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE?

One woman, 45, no lies, one tie, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, honest, single, motivated, and genuine? If so get in touch. Box 919163

## IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'8", slim, easilygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 456810

## NO GAME PLAYERS!

I'm 46, Music, laughter, sensitivity, and love, I guess that's what I want, but with someone special, are you him? Box 156956

## ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 859328

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Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 859299

## BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD

Loving and lovely 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and kind male between 46-56 for friendship. Box 909974

## ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded person for happiness. Box 433885

## WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND

I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair, 5'4", enjoys many interests - walking, cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for a male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420180

## PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!

Sporty female, 50, Hatter's based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60. Box 165387

## INDEPENDENT WOMAN

Bright, bubbly, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoys many interests - walking, cinema, eating out, drives in the country; WLTW similar male, GSOH essential. Box 431966

## KENT CALLING!

Hi, I'm kind, caring, attractive lady, 39yr young, 5'7", brown hair, GSOH, enjoy walks, reading, travelling, like, WLTW tall, considerate man for friendship, possibly LTR. Box 439240

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## SIMILAR TASTES

Now to this, I'm a 38yr old woman, and I enjoy walks, theatre, meals out, and WLTW genuine man for company. Box 437774

## SHE'S THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'10, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435908

## STOP THE SHAKES!

Hi, 49yr old female, 5'10, blonde, nervous/ outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

## DIG DEEPER

Kind, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441

## ENTERTAIN ME

49yo female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438585

## IT'S IN THE AIR

Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5'8", shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar male. Box 437729

## POPCORN FOR 2?

Hi, I'm Anne, 50, 5'10", medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoy bowling, cinema, meals out, walks, like holidays, WLTW a like-minded man who shares interests with. Box 438974

## THE LIGHT OF LOVE

50 year old female, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 93861

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## EVERYDAY PEOPLE

Hard-working female, 36, 5'8", slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, intelligent, likes a laugh, the cinema, cooking, walks; WLTW compatible male for everyday romance... Box 439321

## LIKES THE LIFE

Divorced female, 50s, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

## FRIENDS FIRST

Sincere female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

## COUNTRY LOVE

Partially disabled 58yr old country woman, 5'5", fairly attractive, enjoys gardening, home life, WLTW country living man for company and possibly LTR. Box 439065

## SAVING ALL MY LOVE

Young, 58yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739

## PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Happily contented solitary lady, 59, N/S, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and goals. Box 437828

## I'M JUST LIKE BAPOUS!

I'm 59, smoker/drink and ride a motorbike but I'm intelligent, sensitive, caring and loving, with GSOH and many friends, but still looking for someone special. Box 839319

## MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?

Wing male, 33, 6'1", fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767

## WE ALL HAVE GOOD TIMES

27 year old gent, 6'1", black cropped hair, tall, dark, handsome, seeking someone fun and outgoing, good personality, for good times and maybe more. Box 439303

## START IT UP

Average looking guy, 32, slim, tall, grey eyes, short hair, into regular things, pubs, restaurants, GSOH, WLTW similar-aged lady for fun evenings & possible LTR. Box 894163

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## THE WEIGHT OF ROMANCE

Honest 36yr old, 6'5", muscular build, dark hair, good-looking, N/S, 1 daughter, enjoys a drink, weight-training, walking, reading, fishing, seeking curvy female for friendship and more. Box 437414

## PERHAPS WE SHOULD

Single male, 37, 6'1", medium build, interests: cycling, beach walks, meals, socialising, WLTW nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438359

## REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6'1", enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female, Sarah, call again with contact details. Box 430440

## FOR YOUR LOVE

Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no ties, GSOH, socialises, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410659

## R U A ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

## HAPPY HAPPY

Outgoing, easilygoing male, 39, slim, short brown hair, like eating out, especially Italian food, enjoy tennis/bowling, looking for like-minded, compatible female. Box 439580

## CUSHIONS AND LABELS

Single male, 42, 5'11", short hair, loves smart clothes, watching bands, clubs, DVDs, seeking slim/medium lady 24-40 for snuggles and cuddles on sofas! Box 437844

## TRUE GENTLEMAN

Attractive maced male, 41, 5'10", 6'1", brown hair, likes to be outdoors, looking for a friendly female with 40, who lives in Swale or Medway boroughs. Box 839540

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### House price drop may help us out in the long run

A LEADING economist claims that a small drop in property prices will not be a disaster and may even act as a stabilising influence on the market.

Liam Halligan, of Property Capital Management, said recent reports of a dip in the market should not start alarm bells ringing across the spectrum from homeowners to estate agents.

Instead he claimed any such drop would go some way towards rectifying what is an over-inflated market.

Mr Halligan said: "Should prices flat line, or even fall slightly for a year or two, that would be a good thing – purging the system of excess."

Other analysts have pointed to the fact that a fall – as opposed to the intense growth the market has seen in recent years – could bring balance to the economy with regard to property.

They also say investors could find themselves benefiting from long term stability in a market which historically has periodically corrected itself to maintain equilibrium.

### Save more money when you invest in going green

FAMILIES who buy new homes built by private developers over the next two years could be paying £11,000 to install eco-friendly gadgets in their properties – or face higher fuel bills than those that are built to tough new environmental standards.

New regulations introduced this month require all new homes built by housing associations to become more energy efficient – and slash carbon emissions by 25 per cent. But the Government has given private developers until 2010 to meet the standard.

This means that people who buy in the private sector need to either splash out cash for improvements or face the prospect of long term outlay on bills.

Experts calculate a family that buys a home built by the private sector until April 2010 will have to spend £1,477 more on their gas and electricity over the first 20 years than those living in social housing.



**TRANSFORMATION:** The seaside theme used in this house transforms the look of the rooms, adding colour and shape without being too overbearing

## You just need a theme

■ BY NICK AMES

INTERIOR design can transform a home into a vibrant living space reflecting the character and personalities of the people who live there.

TV shows and style magazines emphasise the expertise necessary to create a stunning living space – but one developer is keen to share knowledge with homeowners looking to redesign their environment without spending a fortune.

Bryant Homes' brand new Conway show-home at its Herne Bay development has recently opened and members of the design team Interior Directions spoke about how they approached designing the wall-to-wall effect.

Jerome O'Shea, managing director of the company, said: "When you're planning to decorate the first step is to think of a theme. Here at Herne Bay we plumped for the most obvious one – seaside living."

"Once you have your theme, think around it. Perhaps gather some inspirational images or colours and put together a mood board so you know which direction you're headed in."

"We wanted a vibrant, fresh, contemporary look suitable for young couples or families who might buy a three bedroom home."

"We picked blue and white as the main colours and traditional images of the seaside provided the accent colours – Punch and Judy,

deckchairs, beach huts. We wanted a really bright, fresh, fun look."

But Mr O'Shea emphasised restraint is as important as creativity when it comes to creating a stylish living space – too many colour clashes and accessories can spoil the effect.

He said: "It would be too much to have these colours all round the house. You have to think about light and shade, and creating restful spaces is just as important. To do this we brought in the natural tones you'd find in a seascape – think sand, sea, sky and driftwood."

"The trick with accessories is don't go overboard."

"Pick a few key items which fit with your theme or tone with your colour scheme. Most importantly you must like looking at them, because you've got to live with them."

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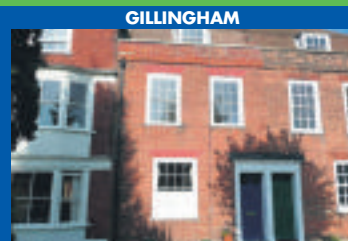
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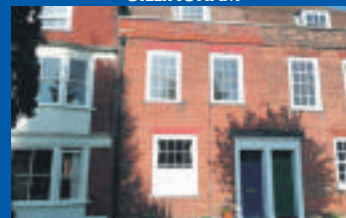


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**Lenham**



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- Edge of Village Location
- Large Garden Plus Parking

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- Double Glazed, Central Heating

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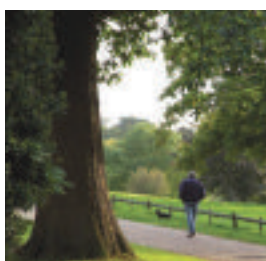
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## MOTORS NEWS



### New Jeep Cherokee goes back to basics

JEEP is recreating a winning formula with the all-new Cherokee due in May, using a look that launched the same model and the brand here in 1993.

Estate car capacity was married to rugged genuine off-road ability in the best Jeep tradition and at an affordable price. The new car is said to retain the same selling points while being better on-road.

The new Cherokee features the familiar 2.8-litre Mercedes-Benz diesel that has enabled Jeep and other Chrysler Group brands to grow UK sales.

This engine is mated with 'Selec-Trac II' full-time four-wheel drive plus a six-speed manual or five-speed automatic gearbox.



### Why Insignia labels Vauxhall's ambition

VAUXHALL'S intention to attack premium car makers has gained weight from the unveiling of the stunning Vectra replacement – the Insignia.

Due in October, the new car looks muscular and purposeful with a coupé-style roofline and distinctive design line running from behind the front wheel.

Ironically, it is not only the likes of Audi and BMW who will be curious to see if the Insignia is as good as it looks; Ford also responded to the premium threat by launching an upmarket Mondeo replacement in 2007.



### Clever new generation Peugeot estate/MPV

PEUGEOT has announced attractive pricing for the latest of its distinctive SW line of estate car cum MPVs.

The new 308SW starts at £14,395 and carries over while improving hallmarks of the 307SW it replaces, such as a 27 per cent larger panoramic glass roof available on higher spec models.

There is also the usual wide array of diesel engines and certain models will be available with Michelin energy-saving tyres able to boost fuel economy by up to a fifth.



**BUILT TO LAST:** With its sporty looks and a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, the new Kia Proceed is well worth a look and is proof of the Korean marque's fast-improving status

## Never mind the width – 'Proceed' to the quality

NEVER mind the quality, feel the width summarised the first Kia I ever road tested.

That previous generation Rio was crude and even broke down after I had filed the story.

How far the Korean marque has come in the five years since then; this week's road test Proceed not only feels bulletproof, but is backed by a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, unique to selected Kias.

OK, Kia simply looked and learned from the best European marques, but the speed and execution has been awesome; the Proceed is styled and engineered to European standards and built in a state-of-the-art Slovakian factory.

This three-door hatch is based on the Ceed five-door launched last year, but justifies its sportier name by being slightly longer and lower, enhanced visually by a high waist, longer side doors, dramatic body line and tailgate spoiler.

However, it retains the airiness and boot of the Ceed, though a fixed rear seat cushion denies the flat load floor of the parent

## ROAD TEST

### CHEVROLET CAPTIVA

BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating   | ★★★★★ |

car, even if the 60/40 split backrest remains.

The seats are well designed and interior materials, fit and finish are better than most mainstream rivals, yet the Kia still offers superb value – from £11,795 including air con, alloys and iPod/MP3 player compatibility as standard, plus that 'buy and forget warranty'.

We put the car's sporting looks to the test by climbing into the current Proceed flagship, the 138bhp 2.0-litre diesel Sport (£15,495), which has plenty of low down clout and can set the front wheels scrabbling if you aim for the car's claimed 10-second 0-60mph time, but it can be raucous and I prefer the all-round appeal of Kia's smaller 1.6-diesel unit.

This 2.0-litre Proceed can be hustled though, even if it does push its nose wider on bends and the ride can get fidgety. Used sensibly though, this model is refined at speed and frugal – it can average 50mpg – helped by a smooth six-speed gearbox, while CO2 emissions of only 149 grams should appeal to the fleet market. A hot hatch 'halo model' is also said to be in the pipeline.



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TBA, SATIN GREY  
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23319, NATURE GREEN  
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21941, SAHARA BEIGE  
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12144, GRAPHITE GREY  
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8791, ANTHRACITE GREY  
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34278, DIAMOND SILVER  
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35313, DIAMOND SILVER  
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18889, BLACK MAGIC  
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10621, STONE GREY  
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22607, CORRIDA RED  
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5872, STORM BLUE  
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- 57 OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI 170BHP SDR ESTATE  
TBA, RACE BLUE  
COST NEW £21,420.00  
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TBA, FLAMENCO RED  
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TBA, DIAMOND SILVER  
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12828, CORRIDA RED  
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14006, BLACK MAGIC  
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13396, CAPPUCCINO BEIGE  
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13371, SATIN GREY  
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37680, FLAMENCO RED  
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9614, STORM BLUE  
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11662, BLACK MAGIC  
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12734, CAPPUCCINO BEIGE  
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12464, SATIN GREY  
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12281, HIGHLAND GREEN  
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- 07 OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI DSG 105BHP SDR HATCH  
7917, ANTHRACITE GREY  
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6134, CAPPUCCINO BEIGE  
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PRICE TO YOU £9,490.00
- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR MPV  
TBA, ANTHRACITE GREY  
COST NEW £13,280.00  
SAVING £3,790.00  
PRICE TO YOU £9,490.00
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1943, FLAMENCO RED  
COST NEW £13,250.00  
SAVING £3,760.00  
PRICE TO YOU £9,490.00
- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR MPV  
5774, OCEAN BLUE  
COST NEW £13,250.00  
SAVING £3,760.00  
PRICE TO YOU £9,490.00

- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR MPV  
4077, STORM BLUE  
COST NEW £13,980.00  
SAVING £3,990.00  
PRICE TO YOU £9,990.00
- 07 ROOMSTER LEVEL 3 1.4 16V 85BHP SDR MPV  
3218, OCEAN BLUE  
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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### SMALL MPVs

SMALL MPVs have become hot property in the used car market as manageable family holdalls that are flexible and cheap to run. Some contenders have the drawback of being rather bloated in style with a rolling gait on the bends, but our choice here offer all the space that buyers demand plus decent driving manners and a spread of good engine options, including quality diesels. The Peugeot 206SW – no longer sold new – also shows that small MPVs do not have to be dull one box or 'monocab' designs either.

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#### VAUXHALL MERIVA



NOT quite as influential as Vauxhall's bigger Zafira perhaps, but the Meriva is a popular used buy with families seeking a manageable yet capacious family holdall. The car also drives and handles well and offers a higher driving position than equivalent family hatches and estates, without being ridiculously lofty. Add Vauxhall's usual 'Flex' system interior features, a reputation for reliability and a good range of engines including diesels and you can see why Meriva used prices can be high.

##### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### FORD FOCUS C-MAX



HISTORY will show this was a pivotal model for Ford. The C-Max has proved to be the first 'driver's MPV', even if it was criticised for lacking the seven seats of the rival Vauxhall Zafira. However, the virtues of smart looks, excellent build and excellent yet affordable high-spec models can be added to good handling. With jointly developed and smoother diesels from Ford's partnership with Peugeot-Citroen, the C-Max can also compete with anything for smoothness, economy and power.

##### STAR QUALITY

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|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### PEUGEOT 206SW



HERE is an MPV for people who do not want a car that looks like an MPV. Peugeot has a recent tradition for developing SW models that are really blown up estates with the space and versatility to attack rival MPVs without the penalty of being unwieldy or ugly. The 206SW is affordable and has all the handling panache of the 206 hatch – Peugeot's best-selling model ever – and can be bought with one of the French marque's enviable diesel engines.

##### STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
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**CR-V**, LS, 362461, electric windows, immobiliser, power steering, air conditioning, sunroof, air bag, cloth upholstery, remote central locking, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, stereo, 4x4, blue, 70000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**CR-V**, 2.0 i-Vtec Sport 3dr, cosmic grey, 2006, 5840 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £13995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**ACCENT 1.3**, 2002, silver, 41625 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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**S-TYPE**, V6 Auto, i503 ksx, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, parking sensor, rear headrests, full leather, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, electric seats, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric handbrake, traction control, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, cruise control, twin air bags, curtain airbags, abs, trip computer, centre armrest, alloy wheels, blue, 58700 miles, £8995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

## JEEP

**GRAND CHEROKEE**, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**CARENS**, 2.0 CRDi LE Automatic Diesel, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails steering wheel rake adjustment, cd silver, 17780 miles, £8495, Masters Bromley Ka, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

**CARENS**, 1.8 LX, 2004, insurance group 8 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric/mirrors immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette rear electric windows remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, trip computer, steel grey, 950 miles, £7750, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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**MGF** V-6c Sports, bd15sv, full leather, power steering, air bag, immobiliser, electric windows, cd player, stereo, uk specification, 16" alloys, green, 9000 miles, £4299, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MGF**, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, half leather, head restraints, lumbar support, sports seats, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, radio cassette, alloy wheels, silver green, 26612 miles, £4495, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

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**COOPER**, 3dr, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, alarm, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, abs, power steering, twin air bags, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, black, 37800 miles, £8995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**COOPER**, 1.6 3dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, multi-disc cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, alloy wheels, british racing green, 24000 miles, £3499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**COOPER**, 2005, abs body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric/mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows rear wiper remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, metallic silver, 35340 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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**COLT**, 1.3 Elegance Automatic, 2005, abs air conditioning alloy wheels auto remote control body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag electric/mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights half leather seats heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, trip computer, steel grey, 950 miles, £7750, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

**COLT**, 1.1 G21, 2006, abs body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable rear seats, rear wash/wipe, passenger airbag remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, lunar silver, 3500 miles, £5995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

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**MICRA**, 1.0 16v S Hatchback 3dr, y/2001, £2895, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275735 (TRADE)

**MICRA**, 1.2 16v S Hatchback 5dr auto, 06/2006, 13,000 miles, £5795, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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**107**, Urban, anti-lock brakes, central locking, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, black, 9195 miles, £5795, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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**206**, GTi 3dr, remote central locking, half leather, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, auto lighting, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, radio cassette, all of our vehicles are supplied with 12 month warrant and 12 months mot, aluminium silver, 14631 miles, £6495, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

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**MEGANE**, Scenic Expression+ 16v, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, beigebuff, 55000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, Extreme 16v 3dr, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, cloth upholstery, head restraints, air bag, colour coded body, electric windows, cd player, stereo, red, 40000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, 1.5 dCi 106 Oasis 5dr hatch special eds, blue, 33034 miles, £6495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, 1.9 Dci 120 Dynamique 5dr, blue, 2003, 44000 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, £5489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, 1.6 DYNA, finished in silver with interior manual, silver, 12000 miles, £7995, caffyns chevrolet 1 wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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**25**, 1.4 GSi 5dr [103p], 25/03/2005, cd player alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, grey, 10772 miles, £5999, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

**25**, Impression S 5dr, rear wash/wipe, rear spoiler, remote central locking, cd player, radio, air conditioning, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, green, 32700 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**FABIA**, Comfort 16v 5dr, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, power steering, abs, air bag, air conditioning, electric front windows, electric mirrors, beigebuff, 55000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**AYGO**, 1.0 VTI-4 + 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, metallic paintwork, radio, stereo, astrol grey met, 9968 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**CELICA**, ST, remote central locking, air conditioning, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, rear spoiler, 16" alloys, copper bronze, 64000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**CELICA**, WT-1, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, air conditioning, power steering, abs, air bag, head restraints, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 30000 miles, £7699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**CELICA**, Vti, 2006, red, 20000 miles, £11495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**YARIS**, GS 3dr, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, electric windows, air bag, stereo, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, blue, 70000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**YARIS**, GS WT-1 5dr, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, uk supplied, red, 70000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**ASTRA**, 2006, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs alloy wheels drivers airbag electric/mirrors front electric windows side airbags space saver spare wheel sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment trip computer, black sapphire p, 27331 miles, £5995, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

**ASTRA**, 2006, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs alloy wheels drivers airbag electric/mirrors front electric windows front head restraints space saver spare wheel sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment trip computer, black sapphire p, 27331 miles, £5995, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

**ASTRA**, 2005, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs electric door mirrors front electric windows front head restraints heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser isofix child seat anchor points black passenger airbag trip computer, star silver, 35205 miles, £5495, WJ King Vauxhall, Gravesend, 01474 565656 (TRADE)

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**BEETLE**, 8v 3dr, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, centre armrest, traction control, air conditioning, electric front windows, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric mirrors, abs, power steering, multi-disc cd player, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 60700 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**BEETLE**, 1.9 TDi 3dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, central locking, air conditioning, electric front windows, electric mirrors, shadow blue met, 11893 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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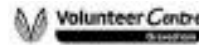
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Supervision will be provided for both posts.

Closing date for the above two posts: Midday, 8th May 2008.

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## Personnel Assistant

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Closing date: Midday, 7th May 2008.

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### Media Officer

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Our Communications Team is looking for an enthusiastic Media Officer to complete a busy team which punches above its weight. Applicants must have good writing skills and the ability to communicate across the full range of media. The ability to work to tight deadlines is essential and knowledge of desktop publishing and imaging packages would be an advantage.

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### Communities Community Safety

### Community Warden

**Salary: Circa £16,500 – £21,000**

We have an exciting opportunity for someone who would like to be actively involved in making our estates throughout the Borough a better place to live.

You will be at the forefront of challenging and tackling anti social behaviour, maintaining a visible presence in the locality and building relationships with residents; assisting in promoting and developing a safe environment in conjunction with the police and other partners. In addition you will be working with residents to ensure that the appearance of housing estates is continually improving and strong positive relationships are established amongst the community and relevant agencies. You will have a strong determined character and will not be easily intimidated. You will demonstrate good communication skills and the ability to build and maintain working relationships. You will be responsible for keeping accurate records and acting as a professional witness should the need arise. A clean driving licence is essential.

Hours are worked on a rota basis 5 days on 3 days off mainly in the evenings. Flexibility is essential. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check.

If you would like an informal discussion about the post please call Bill Lacey on 07979 791291 Ref: CW/BL

### Housing and Environment Waste Management

### Enforcement Officer

**Salary: Circa £18,500 – £23,000**

We are seeking an enthusiastic and flexible team player to join the Waste and Horticultural Services team at the Brookvale depot in Northfleet.

You will be responsible for enforcing waste legislation such as the Clean Neighbourhood and Environmental Act and Environmental Protection Act 1990. Your duties will include issuing fixed penalty notices and investigating flytipping.

Previous enforcement experience knowledge of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act and Environmental Protection Act 1990 are desirable and you will have good written, oral and IT skills. A knowledge of waste management

and recycling would be an advantage. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check. Ref:SA/EO

### Housing and Environment Parking Services

### Civil Enforcement Officers

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**Salary: Circa £15,000 – £16,500**

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We are seeking highly motivated individuals with good communication skills and the ability to deal calmly and professionally with difficult situations. Previous experience in parking enforcement is desirable, although not essential as full training will be given. Some administrative work is also involved.

This is a uniformed outdoor role which will include working in all weathers. You will be required to work over 7 days, on a rota basis including early starts and late finishes. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check. Ref:CE/PMCN

### Housing and Environment Waste and Horticulture Services

### Park Ranger

**Salary: Circa £15,500 – £16,500**

Applications are invited from enthusiastic individuals to help provide high quality parks and open spaces throughout the borough.

You will be responsible for ensuring play equipment is safe and useable, unlock the parks open spaces and cemeteries, keep open spaces free from litter and to provide maintenance of infrastructure. A full driving license is essential. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check. Ref: SA/PR

Closing date for all posts will be: 2 May 2008.

For an application form and job description please contact:  
Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre,  
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## Housing and Environment Housing Services

### Estate Services Coordinator

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## Housing Officers

**Salary: Circa £17,000 – £23,000 (pro rata for part time post)**

**Post A – Full time – 37 hours per week**

**Post B – Part time – 18.5 hours per week**

We are looking to appoint two Housing Officers to join our busy team. Duties will include tenancy management, dealing with anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood development, estate inspections and monitoring caretaking standards.

A strong team player, you will have strong interpersonal skills, a sound knowledge of housing law and practice and have previous experience in a customer facing role. A full driving licence and the use of a vehicle are also essential.  
Ref: HO/WA

## Rent Arrears Officer

**Salary: Circa £17,000 – £21,000**

In this varied role you will be responsible for carrying out arrears recovery action which will include attending court. A strong team player, you will have the ability to work effectively to meet targets for rent collection and arrears.

You will have experience of debt recovery, good communication and IT skills and the ability to prepare reports and present cases. A full driving licence and use of a vehicle is essential as you will be required to carry out home visits throughout the borough.  
Ref: RAO/WA

## Rent Officer

**Salary: Circa £15,500 – £18,500**

As a Rent Officer you will work as part of a team providing a comprehensive rent collection service to the tenants of Gravesham Borough Council.

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Ref: RO/WA

**Closing date for all posts will be: 7 May 2008.**

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Candidates must hold a minimum of 3 A levels, but preferably a degree or equivalent and previous experience of a work environment such as office or construction administration would be an advantage. Although no prior health and safety knowledge is needed, excellent organisational skills coupled with strong IT skills will be required together with the desire to continue with education.

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For further information contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Telephone (01795) 417414 (24 hour voice mail) quoting ref: 510AM1.

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**Julie Epsley** Free on **0800 084 2200** (9.00am - 10.00pm)  
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### Teacher

#### Burnt Oak Primary School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 12 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs Gill Perry, Headteacher  
Burnt Oak Primary School  
Cornwall Road  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 1LP  
Telephone - (01634) 852991  
Fax - 01634 571283  
Email  
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Year 3  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
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Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Gordon Junior School

KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 13 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs Ellen Wilson, Headteacher  
Gordon Junior School  
Gordon Road  
Strood  
Kent ME2 3HQ  
Telephone - (01634) 719971  
Fax - 01634 290337  
Email headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

#### Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: Maternity Cover  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mr David Bignell, Headteacher  
Hempstead Junior School  
Birch Grove  
Hempstead  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 3SD  
Telephone - (01634) 371823  
Fax - 01634 233328  
Email office@hempsteadjr.medway.sch.uk

#### Luton Junior School

Class Teacher and Subject Leader for Music  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 24 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Sheila Scott  
Luton Road Junior School  
Luton Road  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 5AW  
Telephone - (01634) 844149  
Fax - 01634 843582  
Email scott001@medway.org.uk

#### The Pilgrim School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs D Field, Office Manager  
The Pilgrim School  
Warwick Crescent  
Borstal  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3LF  
Telephone - (01634) 841873  
Email office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

#### Elaine Primary

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 9th May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
Strood  
Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail Headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

#### Deputy Headteacher

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: L12-L16 +relocation package  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Debbie Willis, Headteacher  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Elaine Primary

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: L10-L14 (£43,656-£48,138)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 6th May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
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E-mail Headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

#### Headteacher

**Maundene School**  
Headteacher  
Salary: L20-L26 £55,782-£64,611  
Full Time and Permanent

#### To apply/more information

Sue Bowers, Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 4AU  
Telephone - (01634) 331100  
Email vacancies@medway.gov.uk

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### Teacher

#### Chatham South

Teacher of History  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 25 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs Maureen Chipperfield  
Chatham South  
Letchworth Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6NT  
Telephone - (01634) 404277  
Fax - 01634829010  
Email Chipm002@medway.org.uk

#### Chatham South

Teacher of Mathematics  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 25 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs Maureen Chipperfield  
Chatham South  
Letchworth Avenue  
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Kent ME4 6NT  
Telephone - (01634) 404277  
Fax - 01634829010  
Email Chipm002@medway.org.uk

#### Greenacre School

Teacher of PE  
Full Time and permanent  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 30 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mr A J Reese, Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
Bradfields Avenue  
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Telephone - (01634) 861593  
E-mail office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

#### Medway Community College

Teacher of English  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
or earlier  
Closing date: 25 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Katharine Pringle/Julie Jones  
Teacher Recruitment Team  
Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
Strood  
Kent ME2 4AU  
Telephone - (01634) 331292  
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk

### Medway Community College

Mathematics Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 25 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Katharine Pringle/Julie Jones  
Teacher Recruitment Team  
Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
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Kent ME2 4AU  
Telephone - (01634) 331292  
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk

#### Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Science/ Health and Social Care  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

#### St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Law  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordnance Street  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6DP  
Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Teacher of Science  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008

#### To apply/more information

Mrs K Crutenden,  
Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School  
Main Road, Hoo  
Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Teacher of Maths  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
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### Assistant Faculty Leader

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Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education  
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Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
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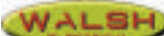
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### Vehicle fleet deal helps local economy

ASHFORD construction company GSE Building & Civil Engineering recently took delivery of a fleet of 19 vehicles after linking up with locally based company Kenhire.

The three-year deal is for the supply and maintenance of the company's entire commercial fleet and represents the second long-term agreement between the two companies.

GSE director Derek Gilburt said: "Keeping such investments with local companies is not only vital for the local economy but helps to maintain employment and encourages other local businesses to think about sourcing from within Ashford."

### Will you get an offshore amnesty?

PEOPLE with offshore bank accounts who came forward under last year's tax 'amnesty' will have been waiting anxiously to hear whether their disclosure has been accepted.

This is because HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has until April 30 to start asking questions about disclosures made under the Offshore Disclosure Facility (ODF).

Mike Down, tax investigations partner at accountants, Baker Tilly, said: "HMRC issued a spate of ODF acceptances recently, but it has encountered problems in the past by starting investigations too close to deadlines and will not want to risk this again."

HMRC has started to contact those who didn't come forward under the amnesty.

### Getting ship shape

SEAFRANCE'S newest ferry is getting a £12 million refit at a Dunkirk shipyard prior to its entry to the fleet this summer.

The main aim of the work is to ensure the ship can manoeuvre easily in the docks at Dover to Calais and offer a spacious passenger area for customers.

The SeaFrance Moliere, like others in the fleet, will have two bars, two restaurants, a large boutique shop and a space dedicated to freight and coach drivers.



**IT COULD BE YOU:** Funding and advice is up for grabs

ONE of Britain's most successful property entrepreneurs, Nick Leslau, could soon be sharing his insight and business acumen with an entrepreneur from Kent.

He is donating four days of his time to mentor the winner of the Bank of Scotland Corporate £30 Million Search for Property Entrepreneurs.

In addition to the £10 million interest-free funding, time with Mr Leslau will provide the winning business with the extra edge it needs to bring about its property dreams.

Mr Leslau is chairman and chief executive of the Prestbury Group, which owns real estate across the country, including Alton Towers, Thorpe Park, Warwick Castle and

# Property magnates could win chance in £10 million

Madame Tussauds in central London.

He said: "In the early stage of my career, an injection of £10 million would have made a huge difference when I was growing my business. I'd encourage any local property entrepreneurs to enter the search."

He added: "Entrepreneurs work very hard at finding reasons to do a deal, whereas non-entrepreneurs find lots of reasons not to do a deal."

"Property entrepreneurs need drive, courage and the ability to spot and take an opportunity."

"I would also recommend against looking at property on a nice sunny day and never fall in love with a piece of real estate - this is an investment, after all."

While Mr Leslau will lend his advice to the overall winner, the judging panel in Kent will feature two well-known property

entrepreneurs from the region.

Graham Stanley, from Moorfield Group and Edward Wojakowski, from Tonstate, will be joined on the judging panel by senior representatives from Bank of Scotland Corporate, Property Week and Deloitte.

Short-listed applicants in each territory will be given the opportunity to present their business idea to the judging panel, and then each group of finalists will be invited to a prestigious event in their territory.

The three regional winners will then go forward to a national final in December where the bank's overall Property Entrepreneur of the Year will be named.

Entry forms can be downloaded at [www.thebossearch.co.uk](http://www.thebossearch.co.uk) and must be submitted by Monday, June 9.

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HEAD OVER HEELS: Steve Hafner celebrates his audacious winner from 45-yards

## Hafner saves the day for Chats

### FOOTBALL

#### Chatham Town 3 Horsham YMCA 2

A WONDER goal from Steve Hafner saved the home side's blushes at Maidstone Road as Chatham Town came from behind to beat already relegated Horsham YMCA.

Hafner's quickly taken free-kick from fully 45-yards was worthy of winning any game and was the striker's fifth goal in three games.

Dave Botterill and Darren Smith had earlier scored well-taken goals to cancel out a brace from Richard Greenfield.

Chats boss Steve Binks was satisfied with his side's display.

He said: "We got off to a sloppy start but overall I thought it was a tidy performance. I thought the goal that won it was fantastic, to have the bottle to

try it from so far out was great, it was the one bit of magic which lit up the second half."

For the hosts, Dominic Elmes made a welcome return to the starting line-up for the first time since early October as he stepped up his recovery from a broken leg.

The visitors took the lead early on but the Chats gradually improved and went in all square at the break thanks to a flash of quality from Dave Botterill.

The attacker made some space for himself on the edge of the area and his low shot beat Ken Westoby in the visitors' goal.

Darren Smith's cushioned volley made it 2-1 but the lead lasted just two minutes, when defensive indecision allowed Greenfield to ghost in and score his second of the game.

In a bizarre passage of play, Chats restored their lead a minute later. Smith was fouled five yards inside the Horsham half and while everyone switched off, Hafner launched an inch-perfect lob which sailed over Westoby to make it 3-2.

Chats complete their league programme next Saturday with a trip to Burgess Hill Town.

## Meet your heroes at the 442 Club

ANDY Hessenthaler, Steve Lovell and Paul Smith will be among the stars attending the Gillingham Independent Supporters' Club's end of season Legends Night.

Fans will have the chance to meet their heroes and bid for exclusive items in a memorabilia auction at the 442 Club, Featherby Road, Gillingham.

Organisers are hoping former Gills and England manager Peter Taylor may also attend, providing Stevenage do not reach the Conference play-offs.

The event takes place a day after the last game of the season on Sunday, May 4, starting at 7.30pm.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson on the club's chances of avoiding relegation

## Mos still hold hope of some silverware

INVICTA Dynamos lost both legs of their league decider against Peterborough Islanders last weekend, losing 12-7 on aggregate.

In Saturday's first leg Kevin Parrish, Grant Baxter and Anthony Leone were all on target as the Mos kept the tie alive, going down 6-3. A day later Peterborough put the tie beyond Invicta, winning the second leg 6-4.

The Mos still have a chance to pick up some silverware before the end of the season. They visit Sheffield on Sunday for the ENIHL Cup semi-final second leg needing a victory to progress.

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HEADING FOR LEAGUE TWO?: Left back John Nutter scored his first goal for Gillingham but it was not enough to secure the win they needed to close the gap to safety

# Gills odds on for the drop after late draw

RELEGATION moved one step closer for Gillingham as they conceded a late equaliser at the Memorial Ground to remain adrift in the bottom four.

John Nutter's first-half header had put Gills in front and they looked to be heading for a vital three points before Steve Elliot punctured their hopes with a stunning 25-yard volley.

Combined with the day's other results, the draw kept Mark Stimson's side three points from safety but now they have just two games remaining to save their League One status.

Their only hope is to get back-to-back wins from their final matches against Swindon and Leeds and hope teams above them suffer a loss of form.

The task has now got so great that Stimson believes escaping would rank among his best achievements in management.

He said: "I've been fortunate enough to do something that no other manager has done at

### FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

#### Bristol Rovers 1 Gillingham 1

non-league level and that's win the FA Trophy three years on the trot.

"Apart from that I have had one promotion, I've got to the play-offs and been beaten in the semi-final but to keep this club in this division it would rank up there with the Trophy success."

Stimson's managerial career has been predominantly successful and if Gills do go down it would be the first time he had suffered relegation.

He remains confident in the players he now has in the squad, but admits he does have one regret since taking over in November.

He said: "We should have paid off senior players quicker to get rid of the bad apples in the group. If you look back I think that's the only

thing I would have changed.

"We tried to get rid of a couple of senior players who weren't good enough but were having a massive effect on the other players. That couldn't be done so we had to try and do our best but it did cause a lot of unrest in the group."

"I inherited a group of players who for some unknown reason didn't have that hunger. Once you do that it's time to change your job, it's taken a lot of time to get rid of some of those players."

"Most of the players I have let go I don't see playing in this division, some may not even play at all so that gives me a bit of pleasure that my judgement was right on those players."

"I have got no regrets about joining this football club because it was a big challenge for me and one I'm enjoying. The only part I don't enjoy is losing football matches."

Gills' final home game of the season is this Saturday against Swindon Town, before finishing the season with a daunting trip to Elland Road on May 3.





**FINAL TEST:** Rob Ellis clinched the semi-final win with a well-worked try in the second half as Medway chase a league and cup double for this season

Picture TOM BOURNE

# Medway on course for league and cup double

MEDWAY continued their terrific season with a professional display against Sheppey at Priestfields to reach the Kent Vase final.

Tries from Glen Wadsworth and Rob Ellis set up the victory which kept the team on course for a unprecedented league and cup double.

Coach Taff Gwilliam was delighted with his side's efforts.

He told Yourmedway: "We are all very pleased, there were a number of youngsters in the side but still managed to absolutely dictate the game."

"Our season just keeps getting better. Win or lose in the final we have had a fantastic year

## RUGBY

■ BY YOURMEDWAY REPORTER

### Medway 15 Sheppey 7

and will go there with no pressure on us. We will enjoy the game and see what happens."

A week earlier Medway wrapped up the Kent Two title at Sheppey and they started strongly again.

Playing with the wind in the first half, they took the lead when Wadsworth found a gap in the visitors' defence with a clever blindsides run. Dafydd Ruffel kicked the resulting conversion to make it 7-0.

Midway through the half Ruffel added a

penalty to take their lead into double figures, which is how it remained at the break.

Sheppey had lost both their matches against Medway this season, but both games had been close and they came back into the game after half-time.

With the breeze at their backs the visitors exerted a lot of pressure but could not find a way past a well organised Medway defence.

The hosts clinched victory with an excellent passage of play which began on their own line. A series of good drives from line-outs won a succession of penalties and Ellis eventually dived over to put Medway into the final.

Sheppey got on the board with a late penalty, but it could not spark a fightback.

Old Gravesendians await in the final, which will be held on Sunday, May 4.

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## PLAYER FOCUS



**INJURED:** Gillingham goalkeeper Simon Royce

## Royce concerned over his Gills future

GILLINGHAM goalkeeper Simon Royce admits he is growing increasingly concerned about whether he will be given a new contract.

Manager Mark Stimson has repeatedly made it clear he wants to keep the stopper, who is likely to win the player of the season award at the club's end-of-season dinner next week.

Royce says terms were verbally agreed more than a month ago on a deal to keep him at the club until next summer, but has not heard anything since.

His anxieties have been heightened by a persistent ankle injury which has left him sidelined for the last month. The problem has reduced the 36-year-old to a frustrated spectator as he has missed vital games in Gills' struggle for League One survival.

Even if the club were relegated, Royce insists he would be happy to stay.

He told Yourmedway: "I would sign the contract tomorrow if I could, it was agreed five or six weeks ago but the chairman has not been around. It's another year so on my part I'm quite willing even if we do get relegated I want to stay and look forward to a promotion."

"The manager has said 'don't panic it's all in hand' but when nothing is signed a verbal agreement isn't worth anything these days."

"It's been so long, I have got injured and with our position you do think about it. My contract is until the end of May and after that I stop getting paid, I just want it sorted."

He injured his ankle in training and scans revealed he had crushed a tendon. Despite an injection a fortnight ago the swelling has not completely subsided.

Although the time out has been frustrating, earlier in his career he spent 18 months recovering from a ruptured cruciate ligament.

The former Southend and Leicester goalkeeper believes he still has two years left before hanging up his boots, but has not given up on returning to action before the end of the season. He said: "My main concern at the moment is getting fit and playing at least one game before the end of the season. At the moment I'm not sure what will happen."

# Dragons fired-up for challenge

## RUGBY

THE oldest trophy in rugby paid a rare visit to Kent this week as the fledgling Medway Dragons pulled off a significant coup.

Rugby league's Carnegie Challenge Cup resumed this weekend, with Harlequins hosting the pick of the games against Castleford.

In recognition the Super League side have the cup for the preceding week and the London club decided to take it on a tour of the region, including Dartford-based Kent Ravens.

Although the Dragons were only established earlier this year, they have enjoyed an explosion of interest, recruiting 130 members and have forged close links with Quins.

Team manager Martin Coyd said: "The Challenge Cup is part of our sporting culture like the FA Cup or the Boat Race and to have it in our club is unbelievable – this



**UP FOR THE CUP:** Medway Dragons youngsters had a chance to get up close with the Carnegie Challenge Cup

Picture: MARTIN COYD

just does not happen.

"To have the highest club award in the world in our clubhouse in Gillingham is incredible."

The Challenge Cup was first contested in 1896 and the final has gone on to become one of the highlights of the sporting year.

Similar to the FA Cup, the early rounds are contested by amateur

clubs lower down the league pyramid, all hoping to make it through to draw one of the country's biggest teams.

St Helens are the current holders after beating Catalans Dragons in the final at Wembley last August.

Carl Harrison, club and coach development officer for the Rugby Football League, was looking after

the cup and was impressed with the club.

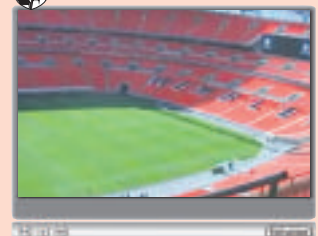
He said: "I have grown up in the north where rugby league is strongest and played at a fairly good standard but I have never seen a junior set-up like this."

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